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The Comparative Acceptability, Safety, Effects and Expense of Specialized, Integrated and Interdisciplinary Community Rehabilitation for Stroke Survivors and their Caregivers

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Abstract:

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in Canada, and is considered to be the most common disabling chronic condition. Of every 100 people who are hospitalized for a stroke, 15-40 return home and require home care services for rehabilitation. As the population ages and the number of stroke survivors increases, information is needed to determine the best way of providing home care services for rehabilitation to enhance the quality of life of stroke survivors and their caregivers while containing health care costs. This research will address this area by developing and testing the effects and costs of a collaborative and specialized team approach to stroke rehabilitation by health professionals, in a home care setting, compared to usual home care services.