**A consensus study to develop a stroke-vision care pathway**

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Background and Purpose: The aim was to develop a care pathway specific to stroke survivors with visual impairment.

Methods: We undertook a literature review to search electronic databases and internet resources for care pathways related to stroke and vision. Two focus group meetings were held to reach consensus on items relevant for inclusion in a stroke-vision care pathway. We circulated the draft pathway to seek feedback through wide consultation with stroke survivors, carers and professional groups.

Results: Our search identified two care pathways; one for acute stroke/vision and one for generic vision disorders. Two focus groups involved 15 and 11 participants from multiple stakeholder groups. Five main areas of discussion included: 1) how do stroke survivors present with vision problems?; 2) what are the time points at which stroke survivors present with vision symptoms?; 3) what is the relevance of different types of visual condition with regard to different vision services?; 4) what is the importance of support services in providing information supplementary to hospital services? and; 5) what is the importance of key resources to promote awareness of potential for vision problems in stroke survivors? Consultation feedback led to refinement of the pathway to account for time duration from stroke onset, reporting of symptoms to services and the signposting/referrals required dependent on visual condition type.

Conclusions: We have developed a process pathway for stroke-vision care. This describes the potential options that stroke survivors with visual impairment may access for health care and for appropriate referral(s) to vision services relevant to specific vision problem(s).