

SPINAL CORD INJURY Rehab Definitions Framework

Self-Assessment Tool – Community-based rehab Survey for Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

INTRODUCTION:

In response to a changing rehab landscape in which rehabilitation is offered in many different settings with variations in service scope, the GTA Rehab Network has recognized the need to clearly articulate the essential components of publicly-funded rehabilitation and to develop definitions for spinal cord injury and other population-specific rehab services. These rehab frameworks identify key features of rehab programs based on evidence-based practices where available to define the “gold standard” of rehab care. In the absence of literature, definitions have been derived through consensus on current clinical practices.

The overall intent of the Spinal Cord Injury Rehab Definitions Framework is to:

- Define and promote consistency in spinal cord injury rehab care across different care settings
- Increase clarity for patients, families and referrers through the use of consistent terminology
- Establish a standard of care to enable targeted discussions regarding system planning, resourcing of services and performance measurement in rehab to ensure the availability of quality rehabilitation interventions across settings.

The Spinal Cord Injury Rehab Definitions Framework is attached for your reference.

ACTION REQUESTED:

As part of this initiative, we are asking your clinical team to complete the **Community-Based Rehab** self-assessment tool for spinal cord injury.

PURPOSE OF THE SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLS:

The GTA Rehab Network has developed self-assessment tools that organizations can use to evaluate the capacity of their spinal cord injury rehab services/programs to meet the definitions in the Spinal Cord Injury Rehab Definitions Framework. The self-assessment tools also provide a mechanism through which organizations can:

- Identify opportunities for quality improvement initiatives
- Improve the delivery of spinal cord injury rehab services
- Advocate for resources to promote consistency and equitable access to spinal cord injury rehab services.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please use the following self-assessment tool to rate the provision of spinal cord injury rehab services offered by your organization to patients who were *admitted within the past 6 months*.
- The rating scale for determining if a standard is met is based on the following guidelines:

Fully Met (≥ 80% of the time) **Partially Met** 40 – 79% of the time **Not Met** (< 40% of the time)

- **NB: Check only one rating for each standard!!** If the standard is not fully met, please explain the reasons that account for difficulties in meeting the standard fully.

COMMUNITY REHAB FOR SPINAL CORD INJURY - SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL – SINGLE SERVICE

Name of Organization: _____ Name of Service/Program: _____
 Primary Contact (name/telephone): _____

	Standard	Rating Fully met (80% of time) (✓)	Rating Partially met (40 – 79% of time) (✓)	Rating Not met (< 40% of time) (✓)	If standard not fully met, provide explanation.																					
Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services available to clients include: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Occupational Therapy</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physiotherapy</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speech Language Pathology</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Work</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nursing including specialized wound care</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Case Management</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultation with physician (referring or family MD) as needed</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table> 	Occupational Therapy	Yes	No	Physiotherapy	Yes	No	Speech Language Pathology	Yes	No	Social Work	Yes	No	Nursing including specialized wound care	Yes	No	Case Management	Yes	No	Consultation with physician (referring or family MD) as needed	Yes	No				
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Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialization in spinal cord injury is recommended for this patient population. 																									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health professionals have experience in related diagnostic groups or areas (e.g. Neuro, Oncology) 																									
Differentiating Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service is provided in the environment that is most appropriate to meet client needs and maximize functioning. 																									

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Typical Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAC involvement is typically offered for 6 – 12 weeks, with 1 – 2 visits per week. 				