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SSBC Bulletin

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TNK Training Template For Your Use



The TNK educational template is intended for use across BC Health Authorities. It was developed in partnership with the BC TNK working group.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the pharmacologic differences between Tenecteplase (TNK) and Alteplase (tPA) for Acute Ischemic Stroke (AIS)
- Review recent literature on TNK in AIS
- Review current guideline recommendations for TNK in AIS
- Discuss some of the resources required for TNK implementation

Please consult with relevant partners in your health authority for regional specific updates, educational needs, communication plans, etc to customize your training material.

If you are interested in accessing the template and/or have any questions about the content, please contact [Jenna Beaumont](#) or [Alison de Wit](#) with SSBC.

SSBC Poster Awarded at Quality Forum 2023



A big shout out to our team working on enhancing Stroke Unit Care across the province. The poster developed for the project was featured at the Quality Forum this year and it was chosen as a winner in the “Storyboard” category. Congratulations!

Stroke Lecture Winners Announced for World Stroke Congress



Canada's two most prestigious and impactful annual stroke lectures will take place at this year's World Stroke Congress.

Dr. Andrew Demchuk, left, has been selected as the 2023 Hnatyshyn Lecturer for his longstanding leadership in stroke care, research and training in Canada. Patient advocates Lori Beaver of Calgary, centre, and Carole Laurin of Winnipeg, right, will deliver the 2023 Nieboer Lecture. They have been recognized for their advocacy and leadership on behalf of people living with stroke.

The program for the 2023 Congress will feature the latest topics in stroke and cerebrovascular disease and is being prepared for all stroke professionals, researchers and policy makers across the continuum of stroke care. The

structure of the program will facilitate discussion, learning and networking opportunities. There will be a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusiveness and provide extensive opportunities for early career investigators.

When: October 10 - 12, 2023 with accessible online components

Where: Toronto, ON

[Registration is open.](#) Early bird discount is now closed.

Are you attending World Stroke Congress?

SSBC would love to know, so the team members who will be there too can connect, please email [Alexis Chicoine](#).

UBC Strategic Investment Fund: Call for proposals



The purpose of the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) is to encourage members of the Faculty of Medicine to advance the Faculty's strategic goals outlined in its strategic plan. The SIF will invest up to \$1M per year to support new and innovative projects that result in impactful and sustainable outcomes.

The 2023 competition is an open call and proposals supporting all strategies and pillars are invited for submission.

The deadline for proposal submission is Monday, September 11, 2023.

[Learn more & submit a proposal](#)

International Journal of Stroke



The International Journal of Stroke concentrates on clinical aspects of stroke from around the world with science contributions to the stroke research community.

To facilitate the international nature of the journal, editors from around the world, coordinate segments of the journal. Some of these segments include:

- Leading Opinions: Rapid and concise responses by world opinion leaders to recent developments in stroke worldwide.
- Topical Reviews: Overviews of recent developments in stroke by leaders in their field.
- Original Contributions: Articles from clinical or basic science researchers which are relevant to professionals working in the field of stroke.
- Protocols: Focus articles on this important preliminary component of the clinical trial process.

[Access the July Issue](#)



What is new in stroke research?

[AI Improves Stroke Recognition in Emergency Calls](#)

Medscape highlighted a study where an AI model correctly identified more patients who were actually having a stroke than the human call operators and also had a higher positive predictive value, a measure of the proportion of predicted positive cases that are actually positive.

Insomnia Linked To Higher Stroke Risk

It's hard to deny that quality rest can have a positive outcome on your well-being. In this study, those who reported five to eight insomnia symptoms had a 51% higher chance of stroke when compared to people with no insomnia signs.

World Intracranial Hemorrhage Conference Oct 8-9, 2023 Toronto



Hosted in Toronto right before World Stroke Congress, the 8th World Intracranial Hemorrhage Conference will be bringing together neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroscientists, researchers and clinicians from all fields, nurses and other healthcare providers, students, and community members from around the globe and providing the unique opportunity to exchange ideas and to share research and clinical innovations in intracranial hemorrhage.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: August 4, 2023

[Learn more & register here](#)

Progress in Motor Control XIV Conference



The theme of the conference: It's Time to Move Forward: Translating Motor Control Principles into Clinical Neurorehabilitation

Topics: Neurophysiology, self-organization of complex systems from individual to social interactions, motor learning, and motor control, with experts from various disciplines providing insights.

Rome - September 27-30, 2023

Registration is open. See the [complete schedule](#) here.

Business Analyst, Data & Analytics

18 Month Temporary Position

SSBC's Business Analyst, Data & Analytics team member, Saida Harle, is heading off on maternity leave soon. As we wish her all the best and hope she and her family enjoy this special time with their new little one, an opportunity opens with SSBC.

The role will be posted on July 15, 2023. Look for it online.



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