Over the last 6 months the OSA coordinators have been working hard at acute care facilities across the province and as of December 1st, 2011 the 2010/11 OSA is 69 per cent complete. A final abstraction deadline is set for January 31st, 2011 where we will be aiming to complete abstraction for all FY2010/11 data. There are only two more months left to abstract – keep up the great work, coordinators!

Sarah Meyer

Data Sharing Agreements

A data sharing agreement between ICES and each of the Ontario Stroke Audit sites has been sent out via email. This legal document must be signed by the person at the institute who has the 'legal binding authority', usually the CEO. Many signed agreements have been returned to our office.

Now as we are in the final phase of completing this work, we will need assistance in following up on the outstanding DSAs. A status spreadsheet will be sent to the Regional and District Stroke Managers in the next few weeks to assist ICES with finalizing the collection of these important documents.

Jan Richards

2011/12 Stroke Prevention Clinic (SPC) Audit

In April 2012, pending Ministry funding approval, the Ontario Stroke Network (OSN) and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) will be launching the first ever audit of Stroke Prevention Clinics (SPCs) in Ontario. This initiative will allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the impact of SPCs on the delivery of secondary stroke prevention best practices and outcomes in the province. Data will be collected on every patient who had a first clinic visit at an SPC in Ontario during fiscal year 2011/12, and will be reported at the provincial, regional and facility level. All 41 SPCs in the province will be invited to participate in the audit.

For more information about the upcoming SPC Audit, please feel free to contact Kathryn Hodwitz at kathryn.hodwitz@ices.on.ca.

Kathryn Hodwitz

Total Accrual as of Dec 1st, 2011:

- Goal: 15,445
- Accrual: 10,585

Sarah Meyer
Looking for something interesting to read? Check out the latest publications presenting OSR/RCSN data:


Watch out for the following publications, coming soon:


Name Change:
Please note that we will no longer be called the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network (RCSN). As of November 1st, 2011 we are officially named the Ontario Stroke Registry (OSR).

Data Requests:
In light of our migration to ICES, there have been some changes to the data request process. All research requests must now undergo the ICES approval prior to analysis. Some evaluation requests will be subject to this approval process as well. Additionally, Kathryn Hodwitz has taken over Sarah Meyer's role as the administrator of data requests. If you are interested in using OSR/RCSN data, please contact Kathryn at kathryn.hodwitz@ices.on.ca. For more information on submitting a request, or for accessing the appropriate documents and forms, please refer to the OSR/RCSN Data Request section of our website (osr.ices.on.ca).