

October 11, 2011

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Antoine M. Hakim, O.C., MD, PhD, FRCPC
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Dear Dr. Hakim:

RE: The Canadian Stroke Network in respect of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network – Cessation of Operations/Revocation of Status

The Canadian Stroke Network in respect of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network is a prescribed person who compiles or maintains a registry of personal health information for the purpose of facilitating or improving the provision of health care, under section 39(1)(c) the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (the “Act”). As required by section 13(2) of Ontario Regulation 329/04 (the “Regulation”) under the *Act*, before a health information custodian may disclose personal health information without consent to a prescribed person for the purposes of section 39(1)(c) of the *Act*, the prescribed person must put into place practices and procedures that are for the purpose of protecting the privacy of the individuals whose personal health information it receives and for maintaining the confidentiality of the information, and that are approved by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario every three years.

On July 23, 2010, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario was advised that the Canadian Stroke Network will cease to compile and maintain the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network on March 31, 2013. The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario last approved the practices and procedures of the Canadian Stroke Network in respect of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network on October 31, 2008. That approval will expire on October 31, 2011. Accordingly, since further approval of its practices and procedures has not been sought by the Canadian Stroke Network, effective November 1, 2011, health information custodians will no longer be permitted to disclose personal health information to the Canadian Stroke Network in respect of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network without consent under the authority of section 39(1)(c) of the *Act*.

It is my understanding that an amendment to the Regulation, revoking the Canadian Stroke Network’s status as a prescribed person, will not be made until some time after November 1,



2011. Until this amendment has been made, this letter will be posted on the website of Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to provide notice that, effective November 1, 2011, health information custodians will no longer be permitted to disclose personal health information without consent to the Canadian Stroke Network for the purposes of the Registry of the Canadian Stroke Network without consent under the authority of section 39(1)(c) of the *Act*.

It is recommended that the Canadian Stroke Network also post this letter on its website, prior to October 31, 2011, to assist in providing notice of this change.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cavoukian', written in a cursive style.

Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Cc: Kevin Willis, Ph.D.
Director of Partnerships