



## Neurotrauma Care Pathways: A Path Forward

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- Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCI Ontario) and the Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) in partnership with the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation (ONF) has been supported by the Ontario Government to move forward to develop health system neurotrauma care pathways across the public and private health system. (Ontario Budget 2018). The funding envelope for this activity is \$ 6 million provided over three years.
- Support and endorsement for this work was provided by a number of key stakeholders including the Insurance Bureau of Canada, organizations representing the spinal cord and acquired brain injury communities and the research and clinical communities.
- Meetings with ministry staff in both Finance and Health and Long-Term Care were held prior to the election to advance the transfer payment agreement (TPA) to ONF to undertake this work.
- Work was also undertaken to identify clinical leadership for this project, oversight structures and project activity necessary for success.
- Given the election, the TPA was not finalized and while discussions continued between SCI Ontario and the Associate Deputy Minister Health and Long-Term Care (leading this activity) the finalization of an agreement was postponed to the new government.
- Meetings have been held subsequently with the new government and in particular the Ministry of Finance to advance the finalization of the agreement to support this work. Meetings have been held with Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care staff to assist in this activity as well.
- SCI Ontario, OBIA and ONF are asking the new government and in particular the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to approve this activity in order that a Transfer Payment Agreement can be finalized and more importantly this work can commence as soon as possible.
- The background documentation is attached providing the rationale, business case and return on investment for this commitment.