

Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™)

Celebrating changes in unit culture through the Toronto Stroke Networks (TSN) Initiative

In this issue, programs highlight how they use SCA™ techniques to support staff and encourage more inclusive communication. SCA™ education and resources support practice and the development of an aphasia-friendly unit culture so that patients with aphasia feel respected, understood, and engaged.

Neurology residents are now receiving SCA™ education

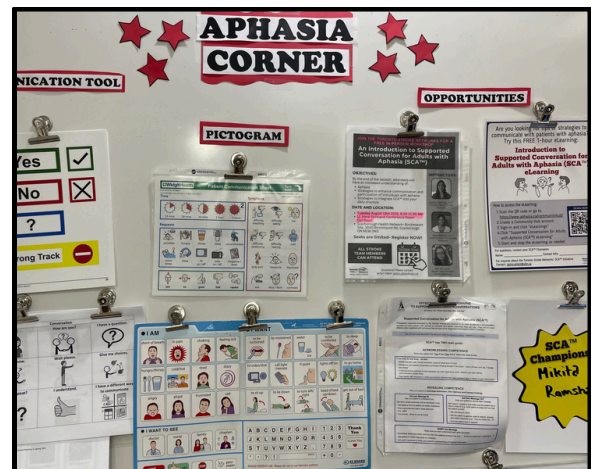
Keith Sivakumar (Neurologist) recently incorporated SCA™ into resident orientation:

- **12 Neurology Residents** received education at the Neuro Bootcamp in June 2025.
- Neurology residents completing their rotation at Toronto Western Hospital **are now asked to complete the the Aphasia Institute's 1-hour SCA™**.

Resource and education sharing at Scarborough Health Network-Birchmount Site

This team has been working hard to reinforce SCA™ use on their stroke unit.

- Aanjana Piratheeparatnam (SLP) recently presented to unit staff on **“Wernicke’s vs. Global Aphasia in Stroke Rehab”**
- Ramsha Babar (SLP), Heather Taylor (SLP), Mikita Patel (CPL), Ramindia Bastiampillai (Best Practice Coordinator) and Jemini Abraham (Manager) **established an “Aphasia Corner”** with tools and resources (*See right*).



Training Milestone at Toronto Western Hospital (TWH)

As an SCA™ trainer, Scotia McKinlay (Stroke Outreach SLP) trained a **milestone number of interdisciplinary team members** (e.g. Allied Health, Nursing, Physician) from TWH’s Neurovascular Unit and the Stroke Prevention Clinic over the last year, with plans to train even more!

**Over 67
Staff
trained
at TWH!**

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to all SCA™ Champions and participants in the SCA™ Initiative to date! Your efforts and hard work have significantly contributed to making units aphasia-friendly!

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done!**