

Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™)

Celebrating Better Speech and Hearing Month with SCA™ bingo. Aphasia affects up to 38% of those with stroke and SCA™ is a strategy that can be used to support conversations. How you communicate makes a difference!

Complete the Aphasia Institute's free SCA™ eLearning	Refer to the SCA™ toolkit before interacting with a patient with aphasia	Acknowledge competency by saying "I know you know" to a patient	Use an interpreter with a patient with a language barrier	Share successful SCA™ strategies you used with a patient at huddles or rounds
Use a sharpie to key-word when speaking with a patient with aphasia	Explore the Aphasia Institute's website and resources	Set aside extra time when going to see a patient with aphasia	Use a tool from your unit's communication corner with a patient	Review the communication chapter in the Canadian Stroke Best Practices
Make your own pictographic resource and use it with a patient	Share a successful SCA™ strategy you used with a patient with a colleague	Explain what SCA™ is and why it's important to a colleague	Reveal competence by speaking in simple sentences with a patient	Set-up the environment for a successful interaction
Orient a colleague to your unit's SCA™ resources/ communication corner	Make a plan with your team to establish an aphasia-friendly culture on your unit	Provide a patient with an aphasia friendly resource	Share an SCA™ strategy in your transfer of accountability documentation	Have a sharpie and paper close by at all times to be able to key-word when needed
Visit the tostroke.com SCA™ webpage	Talk to your unit SLP or champion about strategies for a patient (free point for SLPs and champions)	Acknowledge competence by speaking naturally with someone with aphasia	Sign-up for an advanced SCA™ workshop offered by the Aphasia Institute	Use SCA™ with someone with hearing loss or reduced English



- All bingo cards will be entered to win individual prizes
 - Each completed line = 1 entry into the draw
 - A complete card = 10 entries
- Units with the most entries will receive recognition and a prize
- Send completed cards to jaclyn.gilpin@uhn.ca by May 31st 2026
- Have questions about bingo items? Check out the attached FAQs

SCA™ Bingo FAQ

What is Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™)?

SCA™ is a set of evidence-informed skills and tools used to make a difference in the lives of people living with aphasia. In learning about and using SCA™, you can:

- Becoming a skilled healthcare conversation partner
- Help people with aphasia participate in all aspects of life, including healthcare settings
- Improve patient experience in care and health outcomes

Who can complete and submit a completed Bingo card?

Toronto care providers working primarily in stroke care, whether beginners or experts in SCA™.

Who can give me more information about SCA™ strategies?

If you're new to SCA™ or have questions about SCA™ use, each stroke program in the Toronto Stroke Networks has a dedicated SCA™ champion to support you. Your unit's SLP or the Aphasia Institute may also be able to answer your questions.

Where can I find more details about the resources listed on the bingo card?

The following are different resources that can help you develop your knowledge of SCA™?

1. [Aphasia Institute](#) resources:

- [Free 1-hr eLearning](#) for any healthcare provider (Requires Community Hub log-in).
- [Training and courses](#) are available for providers who wish to upskill further in SCA™. These workshops generally have a cost.
- Create your own pictographic handouts by using the free [Participics](#) program. Includes a bank of pictures to support conversation (Requires Community Hub log-in).

2. [The TSN SCA™ webpage on ToStroke.com](#) includes links to resources, articles and references.

3. Your unit's SCA™ Champion can point out where resources are kept on your unit, such as the unit's communication corner or communication kits

4. Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations include the chapter "[Language and Communication](#)" which refers to standard practices for supporting communication.

What is the SCA™ toolkit?

The toolkit (right) provides a list of tools that can be used to support conversation.

This is a great resource to remind you of what SCA™ strategies and tools can be used to support your conversations with those with aphasia.

