

# The Journey of Vascular Patients and Families

**This document reflects the work of the Patient Family Advisory Council established as part of the Ontario Vascular Health Strategy.**

The Council was formed in May 2013 to support Domain 2: Understanding and Supporting Patients and Families through their vascular health journeys. This is one of four domains outlined in Shaping the Future of Vascular Health: An Integrated Vascular Health Blueprint for Ontario, August, 2012. The work of the PFAC was supported by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The Council brought together a committed group of patients and care partners who gave generously of their time to share their personal journeys and articulate their perspective on what matters most to patients and their care partners. The Council also developed a Patient Bill of Rights. It is their hope that health care providers and decision-makers will consider every step of this journey and identify how they can ensure that the system of care is responding to the unique needs of each patient.

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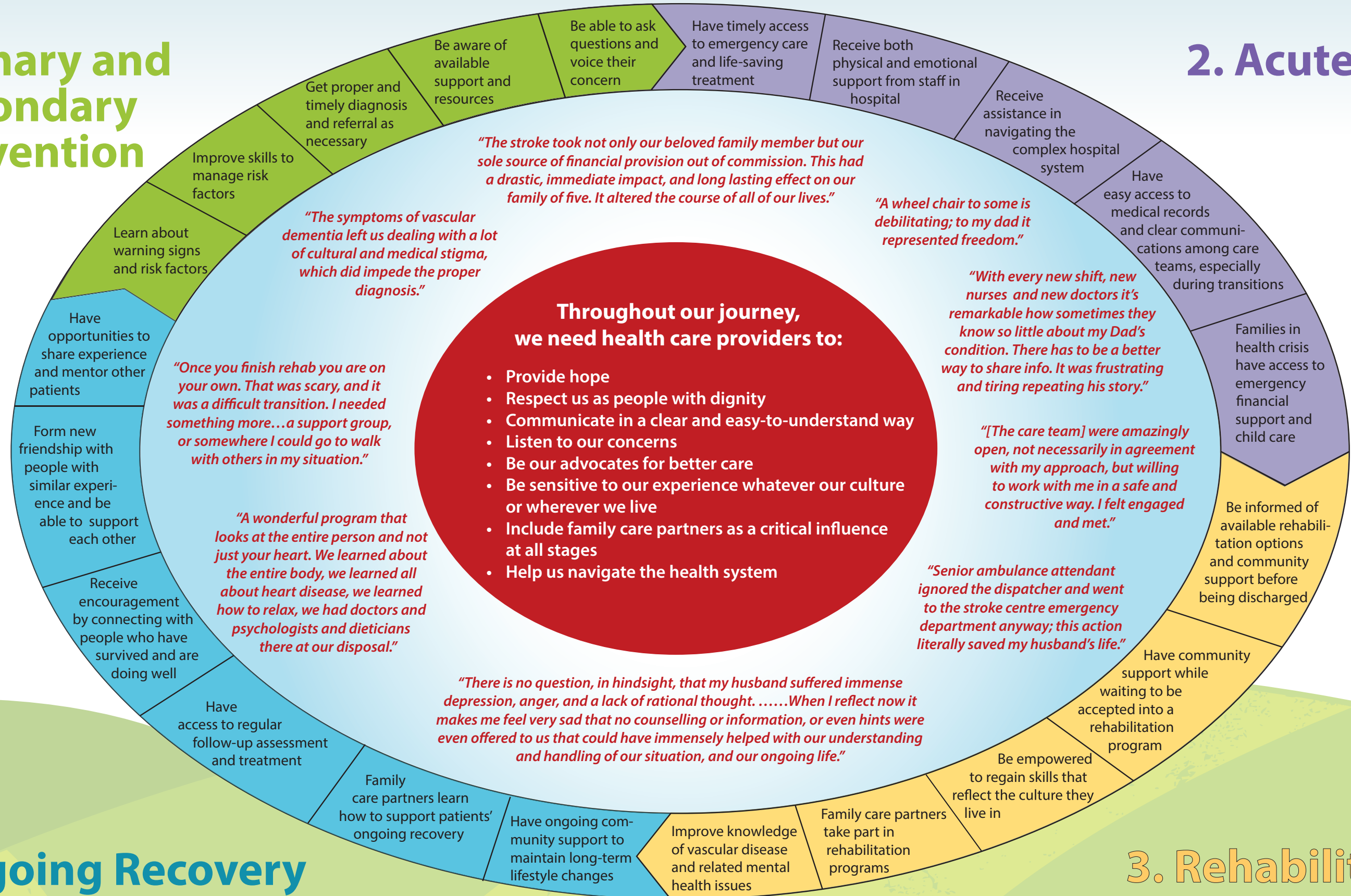
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## 1. Primary and Secondary Prevention

## 2. Acute Care



## 4. Ongoing Recovery

## 3. Rehabilitation