



Endovascular Therapy (EVT) Mechanical Retrieval of a Blood Clot

What is a stroke?

A stroke is an injury to a part of the brain that may be caused by a blood clot that is blocking blood flow.

If you have this type of stroke, you may be eligible to be transferred from Lakeridge Health to Toronto for a mechanical retrieval of the blood clot (EVT)

When will EVT be performed?

- Once test results confirm you are a potential candidate, your health care team will arrange for you to be transferred to Toronto
- Upon arrival tests may be completed to determine if EVT is still right for you.

What are the benefits of EVT?

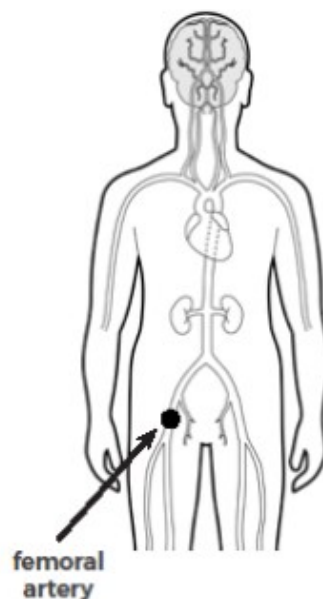
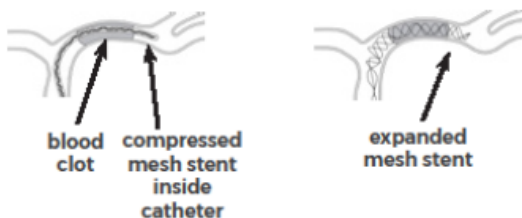
- The goal of EVT is to remove the blood clot to allow blood flow to return to the injured area of the brain.

What happens following the EVT procedure?

- Following EVT, you will be monitored at the hospital where the procedure was performed.
 - Once medically stable, you will be transferred back to Lakeridge Health or discharged home.

What is Endovascular Therapy (EVT)?

- EVT is a procedure to remove a blood clot in a large artery in the brain.
- EVT is done by inserting a small catheter in a large blood vessel in the groin.
- A guidewire, catheter and metal stent are inserted through the groin and passed up the artery to the clot.
- A mesh stent “traps” the clot and the clot is removed.



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