**Questionnaire**

**Access to Focal Spasticity Care: A Cross-Canada Survey of Physiatrists**

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1. What is your role in focal spasticity management?
2. The main location of your spasticity clinic is a:

Hospital out-patient clinic Hospital in-patient clinic

Private practice  Community clinic

Long-term care facility  Other, please state:

1. On average, how many patients with focal spasticity requiring botulin toxin type A (BoNT-A) injections do you see at your clinic per month?
2. What is the average wait-time, in weeks, for initial spasticity assessment at your location? (we define wait-time as the length of time between the initial referral and the first treatment - BoNT-A injection)
3. The above wait times is/are largely due to (may select more than one):

Limited access to toxin Patient’s inability to afford toxin’s cost

Limited number of physicians to inject  Other, please explain:

1. What is the average wait-time, in weeks, for re-injection at your location? (we define wait-time for re-injection as the length of time between BoNT-A injections)

1. How do most patients pay for the cost of BoNT-A?

Provincial coverage

Private Insurance Plan

Out-of-pocket

Compassionate stock from clinic

Other, please explain:

1. On average, what is the percentage of patients at your clinic who have difficulty covering the cost of BoNT-A?
2. For patients who cannot afford the toxin, are they usually able to find coverage through provincial or insurance programs?
3. If provincial drug coverage is available, is special paperwork required cover toxin’s cost?

Yes, *all patients* require special paperwork

No special paperwork is needed (regular coverage)

Only certain patients require special paperwork. Please Explain:

1. For patients requiring coverage, how long is does it take (in weeks) to obtain approval from the provincial government?
2. Are there any barriers to accessing BoNT-A from your local pharmacy? (i.e. delays in obtaining the toxin)

Yes No

1. Does your province limit any region of the body from spasticity injections? (e.g. lower extremities)
2. Does your province exclude any population from toxin coverage for spasticity care? (e.g. MS, TBI)

1. Do you see patients with NIHB (Non-Insured Health Benefits) coverage?

Yes No

1. Do patients with NIHB coverage face barriers in accessing BoNT-A treatment? If yes, please elaborate.

Yes No

1. Does your clinic provide bracing for spasticity patients post-injections?

Yes No

1. Does your province provide orthotics/bracing funding for orthotics spasticity patients? If yes, what is the average wait-time from ordering the braces to patients obtaining the necessary funding?

Yes No

1. Does your province provide physiotherapy funding for spasticity patients? If yes, what is the wait-time for patients to receive funded physiotherapy at your location?

Yes No

1. Does your province provide occupational therapy funding for spasticity patients? If yes, what is the wait-time for patients to receive funded occupational therapy at your location?

Yes No

1. Please fill out the following. I find the wait-time for patients with spasticity at my location for the following services:

* BoNT-A initial injection Acceptable Unacceptable
* BoNT-A re-injection Acceptable Unacceptable
* Orthotics care (if funded) Acceptable Unacceptable
* Physiotherapy (if funded) Acceptable Unacceptable
* Occupational Therapy (if funded) Acceptable Unacceptable

1. Do you have any other comments about focal spasticity care in your region?