# Hi, I'm Okey Welcome to Post Discharge Stroke Support PDSS



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Why is post discharge support important?

Surviving a stroke is the easy part, however,

for the survivor and their family, the reality of living with the burden of stroke when you return home,

herein lies the challenge!

#### Life goes on...!

Surviving a stroke changes your dynamic and circumstances in life.

Sadly, there is a major disconnect between hospital care and post-discharge care ....until NOW!





## Why the gap?

#### Here are some of the reasons...

- Accessibility to materials regarding information and understanding (manual)
- Cost of required and appropriate rehab
- Cultural beliefs and general myths
- Lack of transport
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of available support structures
- Lack of National registry, resulting in survivors being lost in the wind



## Reasons for the gap?

- Affordability remains a major factor both private and public care.
- Lack of resources
- Limited communication between survivors, caregivers & therapists
- Poorly maintained records of the stroke survivor
   i.t.o. follow ups
- Post discharge institutionalized care virtually non-existent, again based on affordability.
- Shortage of staff



## Effects of the gap?

- Lack of post discharge support determines the outcome of recovery
- Results in broken
  - Marriages
  - Families
  - Relationships
  - Careers
  - Lives



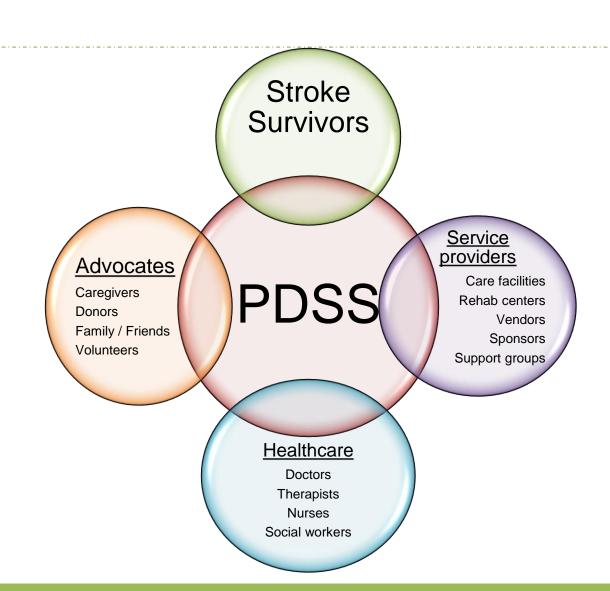
# PDSS bridges the gap



- PDSS is an online platform developed in collaboration with the Stroke Survivors Foundation and US based Strokefocus.
- incubated and created by a team of stroke survivors.
- PDSS overcomes existing barriers preventing post-discharge support in SA
- PDSS technology offers the path of least resistance allowing us to provide support, care and information dissemination.



## Stroke recovery stakeholders





### Why PDSS ?

#### Two words – Early and Accessible

- <u>Early</u> contact means we have open channel of communication which allows for a long term relationship, making all the difference.
- Accessible to people who have suffered a stroke when they are still in early recovery mode and still fragile.

- No post discharge support = wasted acute care benefits
  - According to American Stroke Association, good support after stroke can significantly uplift a survivor's chance of good recovery



#### PDSS provides

#### Stroke survivors will never feel left alone and abandoned!

- a community of stroke stakeholders
- a means to develop coordinated advocacy to improve stroke care and awareness.
- Discussion forum multi-lingual
- Vlogs/Blogs share stories and experiences
- Dear Okey Medical & peer-peer support Q&A
- Events calendar
- Latest international developments (WSO, ASO)
- Mentoring / coaching
- Motivational videos



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- Map of available stroke support groups in SA
- Healthcare professionals network
- Newsletter
- Personal development
- Podcasts in variety of languages
- Prevention & Awareness
- Rehab & Care centers network
- Resources and opportunities for survivors to share and learn from one another
- Stroke education



#### PDSS make or break

#### **Critical point!**

Hospital staff must ensure PDSS registration takes place before patient discharge!

Register here

https://pdss.strokesurvivors.org.za/early/



# PDSS A6 flyers for distribution at hospitals nationwide

#### POST DISCHARGE STROKE SUPPORT (PDSS)

The Stroke Survivors Foundation provide support to people of all ages and life stages affected by stroke, we offer much-needed family support and provide access to a comprehensive support and rehabilitation network so that you can embrace life post-stroke.

Survivors of stroke either recent or past,

#### Register now!

www.strokesurvivors.org.za



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## Q & A session

Recovery takes resilience, courage and support.

PDSS can help guide the way.

#### Thank you



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