

Additional File 1: Template for observations and documentary analysis

Name of researcher:

Date and length of time of observations:

Location/s at which the observations were carried out:

Hospital:	Description	Comments
Trial Set up (may be in site feasibility documentation and can be asked of the SC)		
Recruitment of the site		
Demographics, patient load that the hospital serves (may be in the site feasibility documentation)		
Average cost of inpatient care per day- funding, such as out of pocket etc., costs of a physiotherapists visit in usual care.		
Size of hospital		
Description of the stroke unit and organisation of care, work load		
Use of any policies, guidelines, tools (e.g. patient information sheets) for stroke management		
Usual routine activities e.g. frequency of MDT meetings, number of physiotherapists meetings with the patients and families, working environment		
Role of the SC in the unit, participation in the daily activities, role in recruitment of patients, informed consent process.		
Trial implementation		
* Observations of patients (usual care) stay in the unit -if patient is enrolled into trial, provide the ID. - number of ward rounds, presence of family, care provided by the stroke team e.g. education, or wound management etc., discharge		

planning, communication with carers/ family members		
* Observation of patients' (intervention) stay in the unit -if patient is enrolled into the trial, provide ID. -number of days in hospital, number of ward rounds, presence of family, care provided by the stroke team, communication with carers/ family members -Interactions with the SC. What is done? What components of the intervention are delivered and what do you observe are the reactions of the patients/carers?		
*Is there any chance of contamination?		
Documentary analysis (by the monitors) For a sample of patients in usual care/ intervention arm: days admitted, PTs visits, communication with family, discharge plan: what it covers		
Trial Impact		
Effectiveness- analysis of the unblinding forms.		
Open field notes		
Memo *Researchers' overall reflections and impression of the site; and recommended plan of action if needed? E.g. if there is un-blinding, or if there is contamination.		