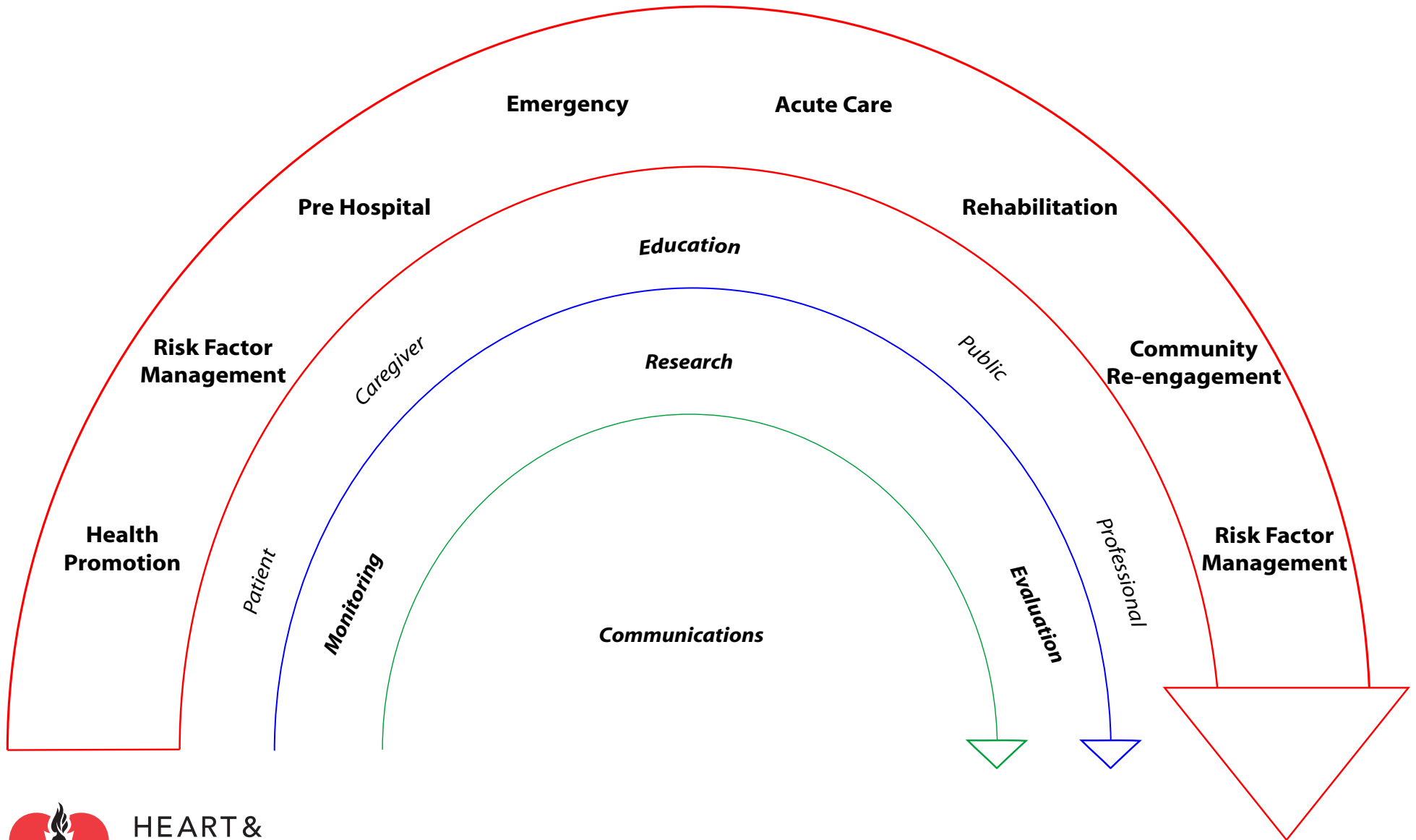


# Saskatchewan Integrated Stroke Strategy



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**Decreased Incidence  
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in Saskatchewan**

## SISS Model

The model for a Saskatchewan Integrated Stroke Strategy (SISS) encompasses the range of services and programs essential to an integrated continuum of stroke care. This continuum includes health promotion (which includes primary prevention), risk factor management, pre-hospital care, emergency care, acute care, rehabilitation, community re-engagement, and again that all important risk factor management (secondary prevention). Addressing all these areas on the stroke continuum in a timely and coordinated way will lead to a decreased incidence and impact of stroke in Saskatchewan.

Essential to the stroke continuum are the elements of:

- Education
- Monitoring, Research and Evaluation
- Communication between healthcare providers and between providers and the patient/caregivers.

Education must include education for the patient and the caregiver, the general public and the healthcare professional. Central to the whole continuum of stroke services is the careful monitoring, research and evaluation of current practices and services as well as research into new treatments and programs. Communication involves communication between healthcare providers as well as between healthcare providers and patients/caregivers. This model stresses that in communication listening is as important as providing information.