Home and Community Care (HCC) and Aging Knowledge Exchange Series

Ontario Health has launched a new monthly webinar series focused on home and community care in September 2024. The webinars will be held during the lunch hours of 12:05pm – 1:00pm.

Led by Digital Excellence in Health's Customer Value and Products – Care Coordination team, in collaboration with the Sector Support, Performance and Accountability's Homecare and Community Services team, the 'Home and Community Care and Aging Knowledge Exchange' series will explore emerging research and timely topics related to the sector.

Ontario Health team members, partners from Ontario Health atHome, and partners from Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) are invited to join these monthly sessions to stay informed about current practices, research and identify opportunities for collaboration.

RSVP to join the second session on October 16, 2024

Topic Summary: LTC residents often experiences significant frailty and multiple incurable conditions, with a median prognosis of just 18 months. Therefore, providing high-quality end-of-life care in LTC homes is crucial. A key aspect of this care is the timely prescribing and administration of medications to manage symptoms such as pain, dyspnea, and agitation.

The session will:

- Highlight variations in prescribing practices;
- Explore how prescribing patterns are linked to acute care usage prior to death; and
- Discuss differences in prescribing practices based on the primary language spoken by LTC residents.

To register, please use this link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d4c5b0b2-6370-488c-958d-79d827f6579f@4ef96c5c-d83f-466b-a478-816a5bb4af62

Presenter Bio:

Colleen Webber has a PhD in Epidemiology and is currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. Her research uses population-based, linked administrative health data and health services research methods to study palliative and end-of-life care quality and access in Ontario. Her research program aims to improve our understanding of palliative care issues relevant to patients, families, and policymakers and to develop evidence and tools that support the delivery of high-quality palliative care for all.

Dr. Amit Arya is a palliative care physician and Medical Director of two specialist palliative care outreach teams supporting 10 LTC homes in the Greater Toronto Area. He holds faculty appointments at both McMaster University and the University of Toronto, contributing extensively to education and research in palliative care. Dr. Arya has been invited to advise on national policy development, including the National Standards for Long-Term Care and the Safe Long-Term Care Act. His work also focuses on equity, diversity, and inclusion, where he has developed educational modules and workshops to promote culturally inclusive care in LTC settings.

Session*	Speaker	Topic
September 25, 2024	Dr. Aaron Jones (ICES, McMaster)	Equity in home care use in Canada using the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) data
October 16, 2024	Dr. Colleen Webber (OHRI) Dr. Amit Arya	Examining end-of-life symptom management medication prescribing in LTC
November 20, 2024	Dr. John Hirdes (interRAI Canada)	Role of AI in home and community care, and interRAI
December 11, 2024	Dr. Rachel Savage (Women's College Hospital)	Reimagining Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) for 21st Century Cities
January 22, 2025	Dr. Margaret Saari (SE Research Centre)	Profiling the medical, functional, cognitive, and psychosocial care needs of adults assessed for home care in Ontario, Canada: The case for long-term 'life care' at home
February 19, 2025	Dr. Melissa Northwood (McMaster)	Electronic Wellness Instrument in the Integrated Health and Social Care of Older Adults
March 19, 2025	Dr. Amanda Mofina (University of Waterloo)	Predictors of Pain and Mood Disturbances Among Older People in Custody Using an interRAI Assessment

April 16, 2025	Dr. Luke Turcotte (Brock University, interRAI Canada)	Antipsychotic medication use among newly admitted long-term care residents during the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada
May 21, 2025	Dr. Susan Bronskill (ICES)	Research on persons living with dementia
June 18, 2025	Dr. Lori Mitchell (Shared Health Manitoba)	Inter-provincial variation in older home care clients and their pathways: a population-based retrospective cohort study in Canada

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