



Newsletter

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CONTROVERSIES IN LONG TERM CARE

The past annual conference, Long Term Care for the Practicing Clinician, was held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto, from October 21 to 23. Highlights can be found at #LTCPC16.



The controversial topics included cannabis use, physician assisted death and the public perception of LTC. The conversation will continue in future newsletters at.

DR. BRUCE McTURK, LTC PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce McTurk of Barrie, this year's recipient of the Long Term Care Physician of the Year Award.



Dr. McTurk is Medical Director at Grove Park Home in Barrie. In their letter of support, his home said the he "shares his knowledge generously, is open to learning from others...provides his service with the upmost professionalism, cheerfulness and kindness to all."

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

DR. ANDREA MOSER

On Sunday, October 23, OLTCC recognized the long and dedicated service of Dr. Andrea Moser to the Ontario Long Term Care Physicians. For the past two years, she was Past President, following four years as President. In presenting the award, Dr. Evelyn Williams commented on Dr. Moser's tireless promotion of OLTC and her enviable "elevator speech".



Dr. Moser, with Dr. Williams, created the Medical Director Curriculum, representing innumerable hours dedicated to the promotion of quality and education for physicians in long term care.

Medical Director Curriculum 2017:

Block 1 Jan 28th, 29th The Regulatory Environment – Certified for up to 42 MainPro Plus credits.

Block 2 Jan 27th and Apr 28th LTC Clinicians QI - Certified for up to 24 MainPro Plus credits.

Register at <http://www.oltcc.ca>
See listing under education.



IDEAS Quality Improvement Training IDEAS (Improving and Driving Excellence Across Sectors) signup is available for alumni of the 2015 IDEAS Quality Improvement course provided by Ontario Long Term Care Physicians as part of the Medical Director Curriculum. Stay connected with IDEAS <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M7WKG9V>. Explore IDEAS Online to find videos, tools and resources aligned with the IDEAS curriculum at <online.ideasontario.ca>.

Centre for Effective Practice Guides

The Centre for Effective Practice (effectivepractice.org) is an independent not-for-profit organization who aims to close the gap between evidence and practice in healthcare. They have developed Provider and Public Discussion Guides to Support the Care of Residents Living in Long-Term Care. These guides were developed in partnership with LTC providers, family members, caregivers and residents, who reviewed the material to ensure the clarity, content, and tone of the guides were aligned to the needs of these populations. Two of these guides are:

1. Falls Prevention Discussion Guide – designed to help LTC providers assess risk and manage residents in LTC to prevent falls and the associated co-morbidities. Access this tool at: https://effectivepractice.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/CEP_FallsPrevention_2016.pdf
2. Use of Antipsychotics in Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) Discussion Guide – designed to help providers understand, assess, and manage residents in LTC homes with BPSD, with a focus on antipsychotic medications. Access this tool at https://thewellhealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/UseofAntipsychotics_LTC2016-2.pdf

ABOUT OLTC

Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2016 to provide advocacy, education, and membership services to physicians and other clinicians working in long term care. OLTC acknowledges the support of OLTCP, the charitable organization. The ability to **network and discuss issues with peers** working in LTC is a highly valued component of the annual conference and ongoing work of the OLTC throughout the year. Our focus on evidence-based medical care for residents of LTC homes is particularly important with the ongoing transformation the LTC sector. OLTC represents its members at **LTC stakeholder committees and working groups**. Our presence helps inform government and LTC sector stakeholders on issues related to quality and care, from the particular viewpoint of the primary care providers at the bedside.

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