



OLTCC NEWS REPORT MARCH 2018

STRATEGIC PLANNING MONTH

OLTCC Advocacy 2018

These are seven issues for long term care physicians to promote with current politicians and candidates in the upcoming provincial election.

- 1.** Increased exposure to LTC training in medical and nursing school. Current exposure is inadequate and our well-trained health care professionals are not meeting the needs of an expanding LTC sector.
- 2.** Advance care planning that is uniform throughout the province and especially through transitions of care.
- 3.** Support for training of LTC Medical Directors in administration, the LTC Act and regulations, and quality improvement. The Ministry and licensee should support the Medical Director Curriculum, provided by OLTCC and certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.
- 4.** Recognition of residents with special needs, including behaviors, cultures and medical complexity. This includes specialized units, staffing ratios and other focused use of resources.
- 5.** Greater use of telemedicine and virtual visits to avoid transfers for diagnostics and consultation.
- 6.** Implementation of mobile diagnostic units for laboratory and imaging.
- 7.** Greater public education on issues like frailty, palliative care, antibiotic stewardship, ED avoidance, quality improvement, quality of life, etc. in long term care.

These seven items are priorities among many issues for physicians in long term care. OLTCC Advocacy 2018 will be posted on the web site, oltcc.ca. Send your comments to office@oltcc.ca. Information on meeting your MPP and their contact information is available at OMA web site.

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AGING WITH CONFIDENCE

Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors

The above advocacy priorities were included in OLTC's response to the government's Action Plan for seniors, released in November 2017. The Action Plan states "...the province will create 5,000 new beds by 2022...Over the next decade, the government will create 30,000 new long term care beds to keep pace with the growing and changing needs of an aging population. These new beds are in addition to the 30,000 existing beds that are being redeveloped, as referenced above." This emphasizes the increased need for long term care physicians and medical directors, and the potential for growth for OLTC. Hence, the emphasis more exposure, training and continuing education for physicians and other health care professionals. There are about 80,000 Ontario residents in long term care. The average wait time for placement is 133 days. Of the approximately 33,000 persons on the wait list, many are in ALC patients in the hospital.

LONG TERM CARE PUBLIC INQUIRY

Elizabeth Wettlaufer, a registered nurse, was convicted of serious criminal offenses on June 1, 2017. The Long Term Care Inquiry (LTCI) is established to look into the events, circumstances and contributing factors allowing these offenses to occur. OLTC expresses shock and sadness that eight innocent persons were murdered in a couple of Ontario's long term care homes. The dedicated physicians who work in long term care can provide valuable insights to the system that provides care for our most vulnerable citizens.

- Explain the role of the physician and Medical Director in LTC homes.
- Provide the physician's perspective of staffing and supervision in LTC.
- Address issues of nurse-physician communication and documentation.
- Give opinion on how resident safety can be improved.

The Public Hearings will begin in June.

OLTC Strategic Planning



A full day Board of Directors meeting on March 2 was dedicated to strategic planning. OLTC continues with its present Vision that "all Ontarians in long term care will receive excellent care". Our Mission is to promote advocacy and education. The following Value statement was developed by your directors: "We

believe a dedicated, collaborative, inter-professional team with physician guidance provides comprehensive, high-quality, evidence-based medical care for long term care residents." Further details about the strategic plan will be in future newsletter and correspondence.

Medical Director Curriculum

Interest is high for this year's Medical

Practical Peals for Long Term Care

Save the date: October 19 – 21,

Director Curriculum. OLTC LTC stakeholders and LTC facilities recognize the value of Medical Director who has completed the Medical Director Curriculum. The course dates are Friday to Sunday, April 27 to 29 and October 19, the pre-conference day for Practical Pearls in Long Term Care. The on-line part of the course has received approval for seven hours accreditation along with 63 hours for the in-person time. Participants who complete the course receive a total of seventy hours MainPro credits. For further information about the course and registration, go to <http://oltcc.ca> under look under the Education tab. Past postings can be checked out at hash tag **#MDCQI**.



2018. The program for this year's conference is being complete. A record number of workshop submissions were received. Again, this year's program will offer intensive half-or full-day workshops on Friday, October 19.

My Practice Reports

As of December 2017, 295 physicians received the MyPractice LTC Report. OLTC encourages all LTC physicians to participate in this collaborative project with Health Quality Ontario. Physicians are able to sign up at www.hqontario.ca/lcreport. The sign-up process requires HQO sending a letter with a PIN number in order for physicians to complete the registration process. OLTC will work with HQO to streamline the registration process. Contact office@oltcc.ca if you have any questions.

MEMBER NEWS

Do you have News you would like to share with other OLTC members? If you do, send the news to <mailto:office@oltcc.ca> Each month a "News Report" will be issued, so here is your chance to share information or noteworthy information with others!

START A CONVERSATION!

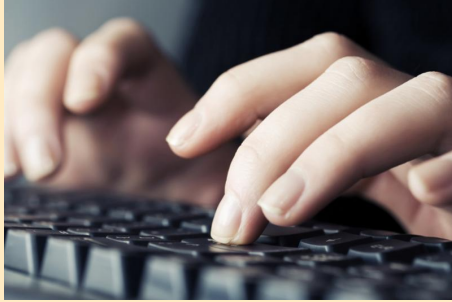
As a Member you have access to the Members Only section of the OLTC website. Here you will find documents and information not available to others and there is also a Chat service where you can start a conversation and get other members involved! Can't remember your login for the members only section or Chat Service?

Let us know by contacting the office.

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OLTCC WEBSITE NEW ADDITION!

Check out our newest addition to the website
- **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Here you will find a listing of upcoming events and meetings in the industry and OLTCC. If you know of an interesting event related to the industry, email the office at office@oltcc.ca and let us know!



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