

Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians Statement re LTC Commission Report – May 1, 2021

The Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians (OLTCC) are grateful for the intense hard work of the LTC Commissioners and staff over the last year and for the time they took to engage many stakeholders including OLTCC.

OLTCC made four submissions and presented to the LTC Commission – all focused on improving the quality of life of residents and supporting the better coordination of medical care for residents during pandemics and similar public health crises.

OLTCC provided recommendations, which are reflected in the LTC Commission's work. Like all stakeholders, OLTCC's recommendations included easing of staffing shortages, appropriate training for all staff, improvements in building design to address infection control and comfort. Specifically, OLTCC called for:

- A Provincial **Chief Medical Officer of Long Term Care** providing oversight and collaboration with Public Health and acute care, as well as 5 regional CMOs of LTC.
- All Medical Directors to take the **OLTCC Medical Director Course** immediately upon engagement in a home. Other staff should take all or part of the Course.
- It is critical going forward in all planning for LTC to remember that **LTC is first and foremost a home, and often a person's last home**. This should be considered in the **design of facilities as well as in the approach to care**.
- **Quality of life outcomes** must be paramount in the delivery of care in LTC. **Training in a palliative approach to care** should be mandatory for all staff.

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The OLTCC was formed in 2016 and represents Medical Directors, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other clinicians working in Long Term. Our vision is that all Ontarians in LTC will receive excellent care.