



Ontario  
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## OLTCC NEWS REPORT APRIL 2018

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### OLTCC Value Statement

*"We believe a dedicated, collaborative, inter-professional team with Physician leadership provides the highest quality, comprehensive evidence-based medical care for LTC residents."*

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, APRIL 2018

This month, April, marks the second anniversary of the Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians (OLTCC), a not-for-profit organization conceived and created by the members of OLTCC. A not-for-profit provides more latitude for our mission of education and advocacy. I want to emphasize our progress in both of those endeavors.

Another Medical Director Course will occur on April 27 - 29 and October 19. The previous six-day course is now a four-day program with an on-line component. Registration for the current course exceeded expectations. Our homes and stakeholders recognize the value of medical director training. This year's annual conference, Practical Pearls in Long Term Care will be October 19 to 21. Friday's program will again offer a more intensive learning experience with full and half-day workshops.

To assist our members with advocacy, especially with an approaching provincial election, seven key issues for political action are found in OLTCC Advocacy 2018. See the website, <http://www.oltcc.ca> under the news tab. These are key issues to share with MPPs, candidates and stakeholders.

### Quality Rounds Ontario: Improving Wound Care

A growing number of patients in Ontario have complex and chronic wound-care needs. To outline what quality wound care looks like, Health Quality Ontario released three new *quality standards* for people who have *diabetic foot ulcers*, *venous leg ulcers* and *pressure injuries*.

Join the next *Quality Rounds Ontario* to learn more about ways to improve various types of wound care for patients across the province from an expert panel of

health care leaders:

- **Kimberly Floyd**, Vice President, Home and Community Care, Central-West Local Health Integration Network
- **Nancy Naylor**, Associate Deputy Minister, Delivery and Implementation, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- **Lacey Phillips**, Manager, Quality Standards and Strategy, Health Quality Ontario

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EST)** - Connect via webinar or OTN videoconference or participate in-person at William Osler Health System's Brampton Civic Hospital.

Quality Rounds Ontario, presented by Health Quality Ontario, are monthly, accredited educational talks that connect the quality community, support innovation and foster knowledge exchange. [Learn more](#)



## NEW QUALITY STANDARD ADDRESSES *PALLIATIVE CARE* FOR ADULTS

*Health Quality Ontario* and the *Ontario Palliative Care Network* have released a new quality standard with accompanying patient guide and recommendations for adoption:

### ***Palliative Care*** **Care for Adults with Progressive, Life-Limiting Illness**

Palliative care is an approach to care that aims to relieve suffering and improve quality of life for people with a progressive, life-limiting illness; and for their families and caregivers. It is not just for end-of-life and can be started as early as the time of diagnosis.

It is care that addresses all aspects of your well-being—physical, psychological, social, spiritual, linguistic, cultural, and practical.

This standard focuses on palliative care for people in all settings, including home and community, hospice, hospital, and long-term care.

Did you know?

- More than 54,000 people in Ontario received palliative care between 2014 and 2015
- About half began receiving palliative care in their last month of life
- About 25.8% spent half or more of their last month of life in hospital
- Less than half received palliative care in their home during their last month of life

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## NEW QUALITY STANDARD ADDRESSES *DEMENTIA CARE* FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

*Health Quality Ontario* has released a new quality standard on *Dementia: Care for People Living in the Community*. This standard was developed because of the 111,000 people in Ontario with dementia who are living in the community, many who want to live independently and to participate in decisions about their care.

This newest quality standard focuses on primary care, specialist care, hospital outpatient services, home care, caregivers, and community support services. It complements another quality standard *Behavioural Symptoms of Dementia* which addresses quality care in hospitals and long-term care homes.

Together, they address care for people with dementia living in a wide variety of settings.

*Learn more about quality standards here!*

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## Reducing Antipsychotic Prescribing Rates in My Practice - How Dr. Julie Auger cut “inappropriate” antipsychotic prescribing rates in half

Dr. Julie Auger works at the Golden Manor Home for the Aged in Timmins, Ontario. With 178 beds, it is one of only two secure dementia behavioral units north of Sudbury. The facility tends to draw the more complex cases in the area and has limited access to psychogeriatric support. Dr. Auger knew she could probably improve her antipsychotic prescribing rate, but with her heavy patient load and limited time she thought she was doing relatively well. That is, until she saw...

Read the rest of Dr. Julie Augers' [here](#)

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**OLTCC 2018 Conference  
October 19th - 21st at  
the Sheraton Centre  
Hotel, Toronto**

Head over to the **OLTCC website** for further details. You will also 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](mailto:office@oltcc.ca) and let us know!

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@OnLTCC now has over one hundred followers on Twitter. See the latest posts for some of our members who attended this year's American Medical Director's meeting in Texas, #PALTC18. You can also view tweets from last year's conference, Long Term Care for the Practicing Clinician, #LTCCP17

