Our mission
To enhance the quality of care for residents in long-term care homes and create a culture of evidence-based practice by encouraging staff in LTC homes to use RNAO’s Best Practice Guidelines.

Shared values
Successful implementation can be achieved by involving key stakeholders, sharing resources, learning through dialogue, ongoing evaluation, and developing plans for sustainability.

Shared vision
Community partnership and collaboration are evident in implementing best practice guidelines successfully.

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**Benefits of Participating Include:**

- **Improving** delivery of effective care to residents
- **Building** expertise in the LTC sector
- **Promoting** interprofessional knowledge sharing
- **Facilitating** the use of evidence-based information
- **Using** evidence-based decision-making in professional practice
- **Improving** work environments

**Best Practice Guidelines**

Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs) are systematically developed statements to assist practitioners’ and clients’ decisions about appropriate health care (Field & Lohr, 1990). BPGs help to bridge the gap between current practice and evidence-based practice.

**LTC Best Practices Toolkit**

The LTC Best Practices Toolkit contains a variety of evidence-based resources and materials for implementing commonly used BPGs to assist homes in the work they are doing to meet the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regulations. The Toolkit can be found at: ltctoolkit.RNAO.ca

**Nursing Orientation e-Resource for Long-Term Care**

This e-resource is designed to enhance orientation programs for registered nurses and registered practical nurses. It includes evidence-based knowledge and resources that support excellence in resident care. The e-resource is available at: ltcorientationeresource.RNAO.ca

**Long-Term Care Best Practice Co-ordinators**

There is a LTC Best Practice Co-ordinator in each Local Health Integration Network in Ontario. The Co-ordinator works together with administrative and front-line care staff in LTC homes to:

- raise awareness about evidence-based practice
- engage participation
- develop capacity to implement and evaluate BPGs
- foster integration in the LTC sector by collaborating with other networks and quality improvement initiatives

To contact the LTC Best Practice Co-ordinators go to: RNAO.ca/ltc

You can access RNAO’s Best Practice Guidelines at: RNAO.ca/bpg