

# Get the Facts

# Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario Peer Leader Network

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) is the voice of registered nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students in the province, with the mandate of speaking out for quality nursing and health care. RNAO, in partnership with Canada Health Infoway, has established a Nurse Peer Leader Network that will enhance patient-centred, evidence-based wound care management using advanced clinical e-functions (e-clinical decision support and e-clinical analytics) and patient e-services (e-views). The Peer Network will increase the use of International Classification of Nursing Practice (ICNP®)-encoded Nursing Order Sets (NOSs), an e-clinical decision support resource, derived from the RNAO evidence-based Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs). NOSs were developed to aid BPG implementations in electronic environments and are comprised of clinically relevant nursing assessments and interventions for a variety of topics. Project outcomes will be monitored and evaluated using RNAO's Nursing Quality Indicators for Reporting and Evaluation (NQIRE®) data system of structure, process and outcome indicators, in conjunction with other indicators derived from Infoway's Benefits Evaluation Framework.

## Objectives

The RNAO Peer Leader Network aims to support clinician and patient engagement to improve wound care management and health outcomes by:

- Enhancing clinician engagement and adoption of e-clinical decision support resources in the form of NOSs.
- Providing education to support clinicians' effective use of patient e-views to enhance self-management and self-monitoring of foot ulcers or pressure injuries.
- Increasing clinicians' awareness of strategies that promote advanced clinical e-functions and patient e-services both provincially and nationally.
- Enhancing clinician engagement and adoption of e-clinical analytics to monitor the impact of BPG implementations through key indicators and to use the outcome data for continuous quality improvement.

## Planned Activities

This Peer Network aims to achieve its objectives by:

- Providing technical expertise, leadership and mentorship to support the project implementation within each participating organization.
- Identifying the practice and policy changes required to implement the RNAO evidence-based BPGs, advanced clinical e-functions and patient e-services.
- Utilizing a standardized implementation approach for the select ICNP-encoded NOSs that will promote evidence-based wound care management in day-to-day work processes of frontline clinicians.
- Developing educational resources to support the effective use of e-views by clinicians and patients/caregivers.
- Monitoring the impact of NOS implementations by e-clinical analytics using RNAO's NQIRE data system.
- Developing/delivering educational resources including a toolkit, webinars, workshops and presentations to increase widespread awareness among clinicians.

## Peer Leaders & Engagement

Participating Organizations	Care Setting	Number of Nurse Peer Leaders
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton	Ambulatory Care	1
Bayshore Healthcare	Homecare	1
Bluewater Health	Acute Care	1
Chartwell Retirement Residences	Long-term Care	3
Targeted number of colleague/mentees	1000	
Targeted number of patients	200	

*"We are thrilled to be working with Canada Health Infoway, our partner organizations and peers on this ground breaking initiative that will contribute to a new era in nursing practice and even better outcomes for our clients across all sectors."*

- Irmajean Bajnok, Director, International Affairs and Best Practice Guidelines Centre, RNAO

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