

**RCA UPDATE**

A summary from the RCA Steering Committee meeting, September 12, 2017

**INITIATIVES AND KEY ACTIVITIES – 2017-2019**

INITIATIVE	
<p><b>Hip Fracture and TJR QBP Best Practice Frameworks</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and support implementation of standardized rehabilitative care best practices for hip fracture and primary hip &amp; knee replacement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop tools/resources to support implementation of the RCA rehabilitative care best practice frameworks for patients with hip fracture and TJR.</li> <li>• Develop self-assessment tools for organizations, across the care continuum, to evaluate practices relative to frameworks.</li> <li>• Undertake a voluntary self-assessment of cross-sectoral practices, relative to the best practice frameworks.</li> </ul>

INITIATIVE	
<p><b>Capacity Planning</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support LHINs in applying a standardized approach to capacity planning for rehabilitative care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a simplified approach to help LHINs apply the <i>Capacity Planning Framework</i>.</li> <li>• Provide LHINs with the necessary standardized data, methodology and definitions to implement.</li> <li>• Work with a sub-group of LHINs to create a process map and help others apply it to their regional capacity planning.</li> </ul>

INITIATIVE	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Definitions</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a shared understanding among patients, families and referring professionals on the levels of rehabilitative care including a definition of restorative potential, eligibility criteria, goals of care, patient/client characteristics, medical/health care resources, and intensity of therapy for each level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work to address common barriers to full implementation and sustainability of the definitions frameworks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Realign Provincial Referral Standards.</li> <li>○ Work with Access to Care to align provincial &amp; LHIN-level reporting of ALC data with the bedded definitions framework.</li> <li>○ Work with the MOHLTC’s HSMR Inpatient Rehabilitation Care Technical Task Group to evaluate the current inpatient rehab grouper and make recommendations for refinements to the re-designated case mix methodology and weights to be used for funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify/develop standardized information and naming convention for rehabilitative care and address challenges to implementing the definitions frameworks.</li> <li>• Develop and implement a centralized rehabilitative care portal for the public.</li> <li>• Develop and implement a framework to evaluate uptake of the definitions frameworks for levels of rehabilitative care across the province.</li> </ul>

INITIATIVE	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>System Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize evaluation of rehabilitative care services at the regional and provincial level to support evidence-based practice and system-wide improvement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the next iteration of the provincial rehabilitative care system scorecard and a process for ongoing annual reporting.</li> <li>• Identify quality improvement opportunities to help LHINs improve their regional performance against provincial benchmarks.</li> </ul>

INITIATIVE	
<p><b>Outpatient/ Ambulatory</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address a data gap in this part of continuum to help inform outpatient rehab contribution to bundled care and HSFR; inform LHINs how to optimize use of resources to improve and maintain functional status of people in the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report the findings from the provincial proof of concept including ICES analysis of resource utilization in relation to pilot data.</li> <li>• Develop a strategy for broader roll out of the outpatient/ambulatory minimum data set that reflects the recommendations from the provincial proof of concept and includes refined reporting parameters.</li> </ul>

INITIATIVE	
<p><b>Assess &amp; Restore/Frail Seniors</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize best practice rehabilitative care for frail older adults by developing evidence-informed care pathways and processes; support implementation and evaluation of Assess &amp; Restore initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold annual A&amp;R knowledge exchange events in spring 2017 and 2018.</li> <li>• Support LHINs in standardized indicator reporting and evaluation of the provincial impact of A&amp;R funding.</li> <li>• Complete, and submit to HQO, geriatric-focused Quality Standard Feasibility Analyses, in collaboration with the RGPs of Ontario.</li> <li>• Work with the Frail Senior Advisory Group and provincial stakeholders to develop secondary falls prevention care pathways.</li> </ul>

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Next quarterly meeting of the Steering Committee – December 11, 2017**

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