



## CEP Highlights:

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Primary Care Focus on

# Low Back Pain

## Official Launch of the Provincial Low Back Pain Toolkit

Centre for Effective Practice continues to work with the Government of Ontario to execute its recently announced [Low Back Pain Strategy](#). As part of this strategy, a toolkit has been developed for providers by providers to assist in the assessment and management of patients with low back pain. The toolkit includes the **NEW! CORE Back Tool & Guide** developed by Drs Julia Alleyne, Hamilton Hall & Raja Rampersaud, and endorsed by the Ontario College of Family Physicians, Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario, and the Canadian Spine Society.

The complete toolkit and supporting material is available for download at [www.effectivepractice.org/lowbackpain](http://www.effectivepractice.org/lowbackpain) or [ontario.ca/lowbackpain](http://ontario.ca/lowbackpain) ([ontario.ca/lombalgie](http://ontario.ca/lombalgie) in French).



## STRATEGY FOR CLINICAL GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT for the Clinical Care Community During an Influenza Pandemic

## Inviting input from providers on clinical guidance needs during an influenza pandemic

Centre for Effective Practice, Canadian Medical Association, and Public Health Agency of Canada are leading a national project to strengthen federal capacity to respond to an influenza pandemic. The *Strategy for Clinical Guidance Development for the Clinical Care Community during an Influenza Pandemic* will develop a mechanism to improve the quality and timeliness of clinical guidance during an influenza pandemic.

During public health emergencies, it is essential that the processes used to develop clinical guidance and distribute information to front-line health care professionals are coordinated, trustworthy, clear and timely.

**Your participation in a survey to assess the needs of front line healthcare providers during influenza pandemic, will guide the development of strategies to prepare and disseminate clinical guidance.**

The survey questionnaire can be accessed by clicking on the following links:

**English:** <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Influenza-Pandemic-Individuals/langeng/>

**French:** <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Influenza-Pandemic-Individuals/langfra/>

## **EMR Roundtable meetings: Summary report now available**

In winter 2012/13, Centre for Effective Practice brought together a diverse group of thought leaders in Ontario with expertise in eHealth and electronic medical records (EMRs) to participate in two roundtable conversations. The main goal of the meetings was to *"identify challenges and opportunities to improve the uptake of evidence-based tools, such as clinical practice guidelines, by family physicians and other primary care providers by focusing on electronic medical records."*

Through these discussions, the following five themes emerged:

- Improving “meaningful use” or “clinical value” of EMRs by physicians and other providers;
- Oversight and accountability;
- Identifying “best practice” and keeping evidence current;
- Standardizing data while improving data discipline; and
- Number of vendors and challenges with inter-vendor communication.

These themes - as well as a number of potential projects and strategies that were identified - are [summarized in a final report](#).

## **Ontario Renal Network: Your feedback required**

The Ontario Renal Network (ORN) has engaged Centre for Effective Practice to conduct a focus group and/or telephone interviews about the newly developed Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) algorithm ‘**Detection, Monitoring and Referral of CKD**’. ORN would like to obtain feedback from the target audience prior to finalizing the algorithm to ensure it meets the needs of primary care providers.

The focus groups and/or interviews will take place the weeks of May 27 or June 3. If you are interested in participating please contact Lindsay Bevan at 647-260-7880 or [Lindsay.Bevan@effectivepractice.org](mailto:Lindsay.Bevan@effectivepractice.org).

Participants will receive a **gift certificate from Chapters/Indigo** in the amount of **\$50** for their time and input.



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