

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Fall is a busy season for the health sector in Ontario. From new projects to partnerships, this season represents fresh energy, ideas and renewal. We, at the CEP, are proud to be contributing to health system priorities and policy across the province. Here are some highlights from the CEP's work currently underway aimed at supporting providers in the provision of high quality care to patients.



We will be continuing to develop tools and resources for primary care providers on the frontlines. As a part of the ongoing work of the Knowledge Translation in Primary Care Initiative, we will be tackling topics that will support providers with opioids, as well as update tools such as the Medical Assistance in Dying Resource and the Management of Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Tool. By working closely with stakeholders such as the Ontario College of Family Physicians, Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario and Health Quality Ontario, we will ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to topics. Learning from experience, we've enhanced our tool and resource development process to create content specifically tailored to today's busy provider. Where appropriate, we will include an EMR component and more localized tools and resources so providers can use them knowing that they have been tailored to their practice.

We are working to get our academic detailers in the field to support primary care providers. The first topic will focus on managing patients with chronic non-cancer pain. Our academic detailing service is one part of a multilayered approach being undertaken by the province, which includes other partners such as Health Quality Ontario, OntarioMD, Ontario College of Family Physicians, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the Association of Family Health Teams. We will also be working closely with the LHINs and sub-regional leadership.

The work we do doesn't just revolve around one service or project. We take pride in our approach to creating multi-tiered solutions for high priority policy topics. For example, we have worked on multiple initiatives related to supporting primary care providers improve quality and outcomes including musculoskeletal management, chronic non-cancer pain, mental health and poverty, and will continue to bridge the gap between policy and the needs of frontline providers.

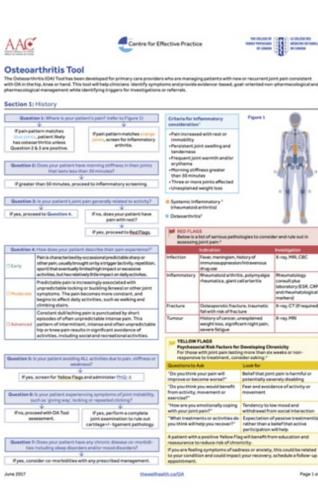
As always, thank you to all providers and stakeholders for your ongoing support and dedication to the CEP. We would never be where we are today without you.

Sincerely,

Tupper Bean
Executive Director
Centre for Effective Practice

NEED TO KNOW

Now available: An osteoarthritis tool for primary care



More than three million Canadians are living with osteoarthritis (OA). In September, Arthritis Awareness Month, we launched a tool to help providers assist patients who experience symptoms of osteoarthritis.

The Osteoarthritis Tool can help primary care providers identify symptoms of OA. The tool also provides evidence-based, goal-oriented non-pharmacological and pharmacological management options while indicating triggers for investigations or referrals. [Read more.](#)

Meeting the various needs of providers: Knowledge Translation in Primary Care Initiative 2.0



The next iteration of the Knowledge Translation in Primary Care Initiative will continue to focus on the development of clinical tools and resources for Ontario's primary care providers, and explore opportunities to better support primary care providers with EMR optimization and the localization of tools, where possible. [Learn more about the initiative.](#)

Coming soon from a detailer near you: chronic non-cancer pain

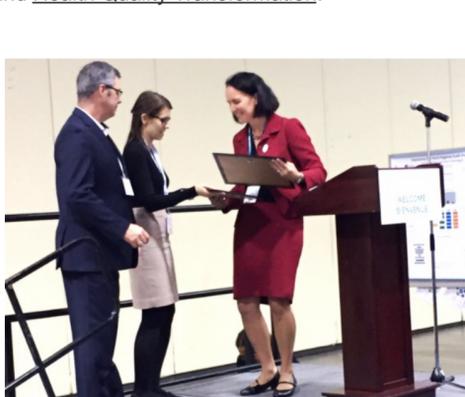


We're ramping up to launch our primary care academic detailing service across Ontario beginning in the winter of 2018. The first topic area will focus on supporting family physicians in their management of patients living with chronic non-cancer pain. [Learn more about academic detailing.](#)

OUT AND ABOUT

Conferences

This fall, the CEP team exhibited at the Nurse Practitioners' Association Conference and Health Quality Transformation!



Highlights from Health Quality Transformation:

- Hannah Loshak, one of our information managers, received an award for Abstract of Distinction.
- Margaret Jin and Dr. Arun Radhakrishnan presented at a quality through data and information panel.
- Dr. Arun Radhakrishnan gave a chat about Chronic Non-Cancer Pain at the CEP booth.

Expect to see us at Family Medicine Forum in Montreal between Nov. 9 to 11, and at Practicing Wisely Day and the Annual Scientific Assembly between Nov. 22 to 24, 2017.

About the Centre for Effective Practice

The Centre for Effective Practice (CEP) aims to close the gap between evidence and practice for health care providers. We give providers what they need to deliver the best care to their patients by engaging them throughout our processes to create evidence-based solutions that can be adapted into their local contexts. The CEP is a federally-incorporated, not-for-profit organization founded in 2004 by the University of Toronto's Department of Family and Community Medicine.

LISTEN IN

Listen to our podcasts on the management of chronic non-cancer pain, and adult mental health and addictions.



GET INVOLVED

We're hiring!

Academic detailers
Are you a pharmacist or work in a related field? We are currently recruiting pharmacists to act as detailers next year to help inform primary care providers about important topics in the health care system. [Apply here.](#)

Join a usability session

We're constantly conducting focus groups and usability sessions. Through the online sessions, providers can call in, sit back and give their thoughts about the projects we're working on.

Right now, we're seeking primary care providers for feedback about our **Opioid Tapering Template**.

[Sign up.](#)

DOUBLE TAKE

In case you missed it the first time around:

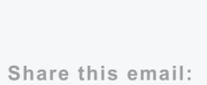
Room for improvement in Ontario's MAID Care Coordination Service

Healthy Debate
"There are already excellent tools, such as those issued by the Centre for Effective Practice, that can assist in familiarizing oneself with the basics. Developing local networks of expertise and relationships with knowledgeable providers will also help ensure that we can honour our patients' wishes if they request to pursue a dignified and peaceful end to their suffering."

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