

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

In response to provider demand, this year has marked new and renewed initiatives for the Centre for Effective Practice (CEP): from a new address for the CEP where we held an open house event this January - shout out to our new neighbours the [Ontario College of Family Physicians](#) for welcoming us - to innovative ways of approaching work so it fits into providers' EMRs and/or local contexts.

As we continue with the [Knowledge Translation in Primary Care Initiative](#), providers can expect more tools and resources to help them support their patients. What's exciting about this phase is that we will be developing more customized and EMR-integrated resources. Some of the KTiNPC work currently underway includes:



- **NOW AVAILABLE:** An updated [Medical Assistance in Dying Resource](#) according to new provincial legislation on *Bill 84*.
- Revisions to the [Management of Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Tool](#) to align with the [2017 Canadian Guideline for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain](#) and updated LHIN-specific resources.
- An upcoming launch of the Opioid Tapering Template.
- Reviewing topics flagged as priorities for future tools and resources from our recent Needs Assessment Survey, in which more than 500 providers participated.

This month, our [academic detailers](#) are in the field providing one-on-one educational outreach visits to family physicians, offering discussions on balanced, evidence-informed best practices for caring for patients with chronic non-cancer pain. As part of a coordinated approach with 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](#), the CEP's academic detailing service is currently offered to family physicians across six Ontario LHINs including Erie St. Clair, South West, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant, Mississauga Halton, Toronto Central and North East, and will expand to additional LHINs in the coming months.

In February, the [City of Lakes Family Health Team](#) hosted a community event in Sudbury to bring more awareness about the CEP's [poverty EMR strategy](#). The strategy incorporates technology, such as patient surveys on clinics and EMR forms, to evaluate and provide support for low-income patients. It was integrated into four clinic sites throughout Ontario including the [City of Lakes Family Health Team](#), [Two Rivers Family Health Team](#), [Dr. Mario Elia Family Practice](#) and [KinderCare Pediatrics](#). From across all clinics, at least 14 physicians, three nurse practitioners and six social workers participated.

These are just glimpses of the many projects the CEP takes on to support providers in delivering better patient care!

NEED TO KNOW

Interested in an academic detailing visit?

The CEP is offering one-on-one educational outreach visits between licensed Ontario pharmacists and interested family physicians. These academic detailing visits offer:

- The latest evidence-based information and clinical pearls.
- Education that is tailored to physicians' interests and practice settings, and delivered at a time and place that's best for them.
- Opportunities to build a trusting professional relationship with an academic detailer to provide ongoing educational support on difficult primary care topics.

[Learn more and sign up](#) for this Mainpro+ certified program.

LISTEN IN

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



OUT AND ABOUT

Conferences

To wrap up fall conferences, the CEP team exhibited 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.

The team also exhibited at the [Mississauga Halton LHIN's Primary Care Clinic Day](#) on Feb. 28, 2018

DOUBLE TAKE

In case you missed it the first time around:

Sudbury health team targets poverty

Sudbury Star
"The local project is part of a larger initiative led by the Centre for Effective Practice with support from CognisantMD and Ontario 211. In participating practices throughout Ontario, patients complete a poverty screening survey in the waiting room using an Ocean tablet. Low-income patients then receive support and information about relevant government benefits and services from their health-care provider during their visit, along with a custom list of local services from Ontario 211."

GET INVOLVED

We're hiring!

Academic detailers
Are you a pharmacist from the Waterloo Wellington, North West and South East LHIN? We are currently hiring pharmacists part-time to deliver education outreach visits to family physicians on important and challenging primary care topics. [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.

[Sign up.](#)

CONNECT

Check out our blog to get the latest updates on what we're doing or join the conversation by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Updated: Medical Assistance in Dying Resource

The CEP revised the MAID Resource based on the provincial legislation and services including those noted in *Bill 84, Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act 2017*.

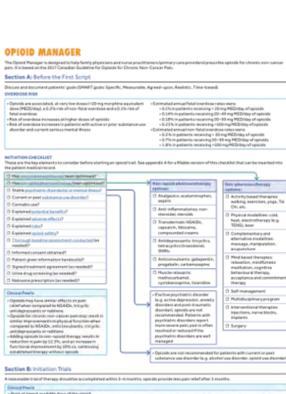
The revision incorporates the amendment to the Coroners Act that an investigation into the provision of MAID is no longer mandatory and is up to the discretion of the Coroner; the CCS as a referral, information and support service for clinicians providing MAID, clinicians with conscientious objections and patients; and in-document hyperlinks for easier and more intuitive use. [Download the resource.](#)



Updated: Opioid Manager

In Ontario alone, one in eight people received an opioid for chronic non-cancer pain in 2016.

Developed under the clinical leadership of Dr. Arun Radhakrishnan, Dr. Jose Silveira and Dr. Andrea Furlan, the updated Opioid Manager is designed to support health care providers prescribe and manage opioids for patients with chronic non-cancer pain. [Read more.](#)



Thank you for your support at our open house in our new home alongside OCFP!



To kick off the new year, the CEP held an open house event to celebrate our new home alongside our long-time partners and collaborators, the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP).

Thank you to all the representatives from all the various healthcare organizations who attended including Health Quality Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Hospital Association, the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. [Read more.](#)

Our academic detailers prepared for the program launch through training workshops



In February, the CEP hosted a three-day academic detailing basic training workshop in collaboration with the Canadian Academic Detailing Collaboration (CADC), followed by a two-day clinical upskilling workshop.

With the expertise of several experienced academic detailers from across Canada, participating detailers learned the basic skills of delivering one-on-one educational outreach visits, and had the opportunity to practice these skills with family physicians.

Now, our academic detailers are putting what they learned into practice as they provide visits to family physicians across Ontario. [Learn more about the launch.](#)

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.

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