



Newsletter

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ANNIVERSARY EDITION

ONTARIO LONG TERM CARE CLINICIANS MARKS ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY. THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED FROM A PROCESS OF THOUGHT AND PLANNING BY THE ONTARIO LONG TERM CARE PHYSICIANS (OLTCP). BELOW IS THE 2014 – 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO PLANNED THE FUTURE ROLE OF PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP FOR LONG TERM CARE IN ONTARIO.



OLTCP WAS FORMED IN 1972 AS AN EDUCATIONAL CHARITY. ITS PRINCIPLE FOCUS WAS THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. THE ORGANIZATION GREW TO PROVIDE EXTENSIVE ADVOCACY AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR CURRICULUM. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND LEGAL ADVICE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OLTCP CONCLUDED THAT A NEW NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BETTER PLACED TO PROVIDE ALL MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES. FORMATION OF A NEW NOT-FOR-PROFIT REQUIRED NEW BY-LAWS AND A DIFFERENT NAME.

OLTCP CONTINUES AS A CHARITY SEPARATE FROM OLTCC. OLTCP'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION FOR LONG TERM CARE PRACTITIONERS. OLTCC MEMBERS CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OLTCP WITH A NOMINAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: WWW.OLTCP.CA

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE PURPOSES IDENTIFIED BY THE FORMER OLTCP BOARD FOR THE NEW ORGANIZATION:

- **UNITING MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL LTC PROFESSION. THIS INCLUDES MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS.**
- **SHARING INFORMATION FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT OF MEMBERS.**
- **ORGANIZING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS.**
- **REPRESENTING OLTCC TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCIES.**
- **ENGAGING IN PUBLIC LOBBYING TO SECURE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE MEDICAL LTC PROFESSION.**
- **SUPPORTING RESEARCH IN THE LTC FIELD.**
- **COORDINATING ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES.**
- **MAINTAINING A PRESENCE AND PUBLISHING INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE AND OTHER NETWORKING MODALITIES.**
- **PROVIDING, PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING EDUCATION, INNOVATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN LONG TERM CARE MEDICINE.**

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL 28 - 30 MEDICAL DIRECTOR CURRICULUM

MAY 5 – OMA SECTION LTC AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY

MAY 31 – OLTCC BOARD TELECONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 8 – OLTCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FULL DAY

OCTOBER 20 – 22 – OLTCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LONG TERM CARE FOR THE PRACTICING CLINICIAN 2017

October 20 – 22

The program for this year's conference is being finalized. There will be a different look this year. Friday, October 20, will be a pre-conference day of workshops that will either be a half or a whole day. Topics for the workshops are palliative, marijuana prescribing, de-prescribing, LTC medicine and law, and behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

Christine Elliot, Ontario's patient ombudsman, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. On Sunday, Jill Steinman will present a talk from the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee. This follows the popular session on legal issues in LTC presented by lawyer, Jan Goddard, at the previous two conferences.

The theme for this year's conference is *Clinical Pearls in Long Term Care*. This is in response for practical clinical topics. There will be two panels. An "in the trenches" panel on Saturday will have Medical Directors from across the province discuss complex issues that the physician handles in long term care. Sunday's panel will address complaints, risks and safety. Dr. Roger Skinner, chair of the coroner's Geriatric and Long Term Care Death Review Committee will return to be on this panel.



Dr. Lorand Kristof chairs this year's Conference Planning Committee. Twitter hashtag #LTCPC17.

AMDA – The Society of Post-Acute and Long Term Care Medicine

There was good representation of OLTC members and other Canadian LTC physicians at this year's "AMDA conference", held in Phoenix, March 16 – 19.



Drs. Andrea Moser and Jobin Varughese, with understudy, attend a full day workshop on item-writing. This will assist with the development of assessments and questionnaires for the future medical director curriculum.



Drs Hugh Boyd, Doug Faulder, Fred Mather and Michael Fiorino attend a workshop on applying the physician's LTC competencies.

Health Quality Ontario (HQO) requests input from LTC physicians on the development of quality standards. Previous standards have included BPSD and major depression. We need a long term care physician to give feedback on **the wound care quality standard**. They will require only a couple of hours of your time. Contact office@oltcc.ca.