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Ontario’s Dementia Strategy: An Update

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Overview

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of:

1. Government commitment
2. Vision for a coordinated health care system for people living with dementia
3. Ontario’s work-to-date on the dementia strategy
4. Five pillars of the dementia strategy
5. Dementia strategy key investments
6. Next steps
7. Discussion questions
Government Commitment

• *Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care* was launched in 2015 with a vision for health care system transformation that includes improved access and a commitment to improve dementia supports.

• Improving dementia supports through the development of a dementia strategy was also highlighted as a priority in Minister Hoskins’ 2014 and 2016 mandate letters.

• Government committed over $100 million over three years for the Dementia Strategy in the 2017 Ontario budget.

• An echo announcement was made by Minister Hoskins on May 4, 2017, further outlining investments to be made as part of the Dementia Strategy.
Vision and Approach

The vision for this strategy is to ensure people with dementia, their families and care partners:

- Are treated with respect;

- Have access to information that allows them to make the best possible choices regarding their health and well-being;

- Are living well with dementia, helped by appropriate services and supports where and when they need them

The approach to address increasing prevalence of dementia and resultant pressures on the health system is to:

- Divert people living with dementia away from ALC and long-term care and keep them in the community for as long as possible with better supports and programming.

- Reinforce key areas of our health care system with best practice supports and better training and education.
WORK TO DATE

Timeline Of Engagement

• The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) started the engagement process for the Dementia Strategy in July 2015.

• The Ministry worked closely with stakeholders such as the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, who emphasized the need for a long and comprehensive engagement period.

• Over 5,500 people across the province have given input.

• Steps were taken to ensure diversity in engagement – Francophone, ethno-cultural communities, LGBTQ and Indigenous as examples.

Budget Announcement

• 2017 Budget (April 27): commitment to invest more than $100M over three years towards the province’s dementia strategy.

• Announcement (May 4): Ontario will build on existing services to better support people living with dementia and those who care for them.
  • Improving access to high-quality care
  • Ensuring greater equity & flexibility in care
  • Establishing better coordinated & integrated care

Eight Round Tables
(Fall 2015)

Discussion Paper
(September 2016)

Community Conversations
(Fall 2016)

Budget Announcement
(Spring 2017)

Dementia Strategy Roll Out
(Fall 2017)

Five Working Groups
(Winter 2016)

Online Survey
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Six Town Halls
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## Ontario’s Dementia Strategy: An Overview

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<td>Raising dementia awareness and promoting brain health.</td>
<td>Sharing best practices and encouraging evidence-based service delivery.</td>
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### Key Initiatives

- **Pillars & Support for People with Dementia**
  - Improve patient navigation
  - Increase access to dementia day programs, including transportation
  - Enhance behavioural supports (e.g. BSO in the community)

- **Pillars & Support for Care Partners**
  - Enhance respite supports, including in-home and overnight respite
  - Increase access to education and training opportunities

- **Pillars & Dementia Workforce**
  - Enhance dementia education and training for front-line staff (e.g. PSWs)
  - Explore opportunities to enhance training for medical residents and physicians

- **Pillars & General Public**
  - Promote brain health, increase awareness about dementia and reduce stigma through targeted public awareness campaigns

- **Pillars & Research & Innovation**
  - Increase understanding of dementia population and needs
  - Evaluate existing or innovative solutions and share best practices
$101 million over 3 years for Ontario’s new Dementia Strategy

**DEMENTIA STRATEGY KEY INVESTMENTS**

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This diagram shows desired alignments within the health system. It is guided by *Patient’s First: Action Plan for Health Care* and links various MOHLTC initiatives including, primary care reform, *Local Health System Integration Act*, home and community care, levels of care framework and the Dementia Strategy.

### Residential
- BSO in LTC
- Congregate Living

### Specialist Care
- Specialist-led Memory Clinics
- Day Hospital
- Interdisciplinary Response

### In-Community Supports
- Home Care
- Short Stay Respite
- CCAC
- Patient navigators
- Adult Day Programs
- Dementia Home Care

### Primary Care Collaborative Memory Clinics
(with consideration to alignment with sub-LHIN regions)
- Primary care collaborative memory clinics also ensure access to interdisciplinary teams including allied health professionals

### Primary Care Providers
- Primary care providers have access to specialists via e-consult or telephone consult and better training for diagnosis and management of dementia

### Outcomes:
- Fewer visits to emergency departments
- Shorter wait times for specialists
- Reduced ALC pressures
- Quality care in the most appropriate setting
- Earlier detection and diagnosis
- Shortened length of stay in LTC home
- Interdisciplinary care teams
Next Steps

• Ministry staff are drafting an implementation plan for government approval.

• It is anticipated that a public facing document will be released later in 2017.
Discussion

• How can the ministry and RGPs work together to build capacity among primary care practitioners?

• What role do you see RGPs having in supporting front line staff (such as PSWs) in having the skills and knowledge to provide consistent and high quality dementia care?
Thank you for attending this webinar!

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Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto

**AUG/SEPT 2017** – *“End PJ Paralysis” Mobility Campaign*
Dr. Brian Dolan, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

**SEPT 2017** – *“I Have Concerns about My Patient’s Driving:” Nurse Practitioners and the Duty to Report in Ontario*
Tabatha Bowers, The Scarborough Hospital

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