

'Initiative' Snapshot

Issue

More than 50% of people receiving in-home nursing services through the South West Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) require wound-related care. This along with the increasing number of seniors in Ontario and the need to increase capacity to meet the demand for services, provides the rationale for the sustainability of the SWRWCP. System fragmentation, lack of cross-sector alignment related to wound prevention and management and the absence of a sector-wide evaluation system advocates for the SWRWCP to facilitate the alignment of wound care across healthcare settings.

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Approach

An integrated seamless, timely and equitable approach to the delivery of high quality, safe, efficient, and cost effective, person-centered, evidence-informed skin and wound care to the people of the South West LHIN, regardless of setting.

Value for Money

Program implementation will realize:

- Improved use of healthcare human resources;
- Reduced costs associated with wound care products;
- Less waste of wound care products;
- Less duplication of care, and;
- Reduced administration costs associated with wound care education and policy development.

Next Steps

- Ongoing engagement of healthcare sector reps. in the achievement of the Program's goals;
- Connecting our healthcare system partners with appropriate supports;
- Responding to our healthcare system partner's needs, respecting their skills and strengths;
- Developing partnerships, resulting in integrated person-centered solutions;
- Creating and maintaining evidence-informed standardized clinical guidelines and educational processes regarding skin and wound care;
- Promoting value for money, and;
- Supporting improvement in outcomes via aligned data collection, innovation and technology.

Benefits to People with or at Risk for Wounds

- Improved quality and consistency of wound care practices;
- Improved coordination and transitions of care;
- Improved experiences and wound related outcomes for those with wounds;
- Reduced incidence of preventable wounds, and ;
- Team-based approaches to wound care.

Big Dot/Strategic Alignment

South West LHIN's 2016-19 (IHSP) Service Plan Alignment:

- Improve population health & health outcomes
- Improve value for money

Big Dot Outcome Alignment:

- Faster access to appropriate care
- Value realized by reducing hospital visits and days

Measurement

Increase the engagement of healthcare system partners across settings to the goals of the SWRWCP via the implementation of a 'Communication and Engagement Strategy' to advocate for standardized evidence-informed wound care practice and smooth efficient transitions of care across healthcare sectors in the South West LHIN.

Develop standardized evidence-informed skin and wound care tools/resources, posted centrally on the SWRWCP website and increase the number of Wound Care Champions who have a minimum level of SWRWCP-Wounds Canada certification (or equivalent) within each healthcare sector to promote and implement such resources across the South West LHIN.

Facilitate system integration via the implementation of a cross-sector partnering governance/accountability model to improve collaboration in reducing the incidence of wounds in the South West LHIN via standardized evidence-informed prevention strategies.

Timing

Funding to April 2017