

Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative Report 2022-23

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Village Quality Improvement Priorities:

IPAC:

Continue to prioritize infection prevention and control to ensure we maintain exceptional practices to keep those living, working and visiting our villages safe.

Given what we have learned over the Pandemic, we seek to continuously improve and increase educational opportunities for team members in all departments in order to ensure that best practices in IPAC are at the forefront of our daily routines.

With the implementation of a new, dedicated role in the village (IPAC Lead, ADNC), who will maintain our liaisons with Public Health and our local hospital for auditing and educational purposes. This will safeguard and increase the audits being completed on our neighbourhoods, identifying risk and opportunities for training and education within the village.

Antipsychotics:

The team has reviewed our CIHI indicator related to antipsychotics. We currently have 34% of our residents taking these medications without a diagnosis of psychosis. We will strive to decrease the number of medications given to residents without a diagnosis of psychosis.

We will offer additional education to Team Members regarding non-pharmacological approaches, as well as the uses and implications of those medications. We will focus on new and recent admissions to identify possible medication changes and timeframes specific to the resident.

Wounds:

Decrease number of new and worsening wounds by strengthening our wound care and prevention program.

How Priority Areas Were Determined:

IPAC:

The COVID-19 Pandemic and new IPAC role to be implemented based on the Fixing Long Term Care Act presents an opportunity to build on our current foundation of IPAC in the village.

Antipsychotics:

Current performance was reviewed at latest Quarterly Pharmacy Therapeutics Meeting. It was suggested by the committee to identify if there are any potential opportunities to decrease the usage of these medications.

Wounds:

Current CIHI Data indicates that our stageable wounds are above the provincial average and with the 2022 introduction to new equipment and assessment tools, this could lead to improvement in our village average.

Wound care and prevention has also been identified as an organizational priority.

How Progress Will Be Monitored, Measured, Evaluated and Outcomes Communicated:

IPAC:

Audit results to be provided to active Residents and Family council for review. Team member education attendance will be monitored. IPAC will be reviewed in as part of annual Program Evaluation. Our Program Audits and education results to be shared at Quarterly Quality Improvement Meetings.

Antipsychotics:

Medication usage and CIHI results to be reviewed at quarterly Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Quality Improvement Meetings.

Wounds:

CIHI statistics to be reviewed at quarterly Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Quality Improvement Meetings. Wounds to be review at Registered Team Meeting and Wound Care Committee meetings.