INTEGRATE Project

Integrating a palliative care approach earlier in the disease trajectory

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Objectives

- 1. Provide a brief overview of the current landscape of palliative care
- 2. Palliative care earlier in disease why it matters
- 3. Introduce the INTEGRATE project
 - History
 - Current progress
 - Next steps







Motivation for Change







Dying in Place of Choice

When asked, the majority of patients state they would like to die at home surrounded by loved ones.

According to 2015/2016 SW LHIN data:

- 45% all deaths took place in an acute care hospital
- 54.5% of patients coded "palliative" died in acute care hospital



Health Care Use at the End of Life in Western Canada Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Fact Sheet: Hospice Palliative Care in Canada OPCN's capacity planning tool containing the 15/16 regional data









OPCN's capacity planning tool containing the 15/16 regional data

Use of Hospital Services

- 62% of patients coded "palliative" visited the Emergency Department in their last month of life
- 69.2% of patients coded "palliative" were admitted to an acute care hospital in their last month of life







Access to Palliative Care Resources

The leading causes of death in Canada are:

29.8% - Neoplasms

25.1 % - Diseases of the circulatory system

4.7 % - Respiratory system

Cancer patients represent 28% of Canadian deaths (Statistics Canada, 2005), they make up 80-90% of home-care clients receiving end-of-life care from Home & Community Care services.



Stats Can 2013; Seow H. et al. 2009 Dissertation; QHPCCO -Creating an Integrated Hospice Palliative Care System in Ontario setting the stage for change 2010







Advance Care Planning

Benefits:

- More likely to have end-of-life wishes known and followed
- Family members have less stress and anxiety
- Patients and families are more satisfied with care
- Patients have better quality of life and death
- Patients are less likely to be hospitalized and or admitted to an intensive care unit

of Canadians believe it is important to have conversations with their loved ones about their wishes for care

73% Want more information from their doctors so they can plan and begin these important conversations

Have completed an Advance Care Plan

Wright AA et al. JAMA 2008, Detering KM. et al. BMJ 2010, Zhang B et al. Arch Intern Med 2009, The Way Forward: An integrated palliative approach to care







Advance Care Planning

Patients with a life-threatening illness who recalled having an end-of-life discussion with their physician:

Patient	% that had end of life discussion
Cancer Patients (N=151)	26%
CHF (N=99)	14%
COPD (N=115)	9%
Cirrhosis (N=47)	21%

Heyland DK et al. Open Medicine 2009







Opportunity for Change

Palliative care earlier in the disease trajectory







Palliative Care is no Longer just End-of-Life Care



Earlier Palliative Care Interventions - The Benefits



Patient

- Reduced symptom burden
- Less anxiety and depression
- Less caregiver burden
- Better quality of life
- Less aggressive treatments
- Longer life expectancy



System

- More appropriate referral and use of palliative resources
- Decreased Emergency Department visits
- Admission avoidance
- Measurable hospital savings through significant reductions in pharmacy, laboratory and intensive care costs







Early Home Care Supports

- Patients admitted six months before death had a 35% lower probability of hospitalization than those admitted three to four weeks before death
- Patients receiving more than seven nursing hours per week had a 50% lower odds ratio of being hospitalized
- Patients receiving personal support for more than seven hours per week had a 35% lower odds ratio of being hospitalized



Barbera L. et al. CMAJ 2010











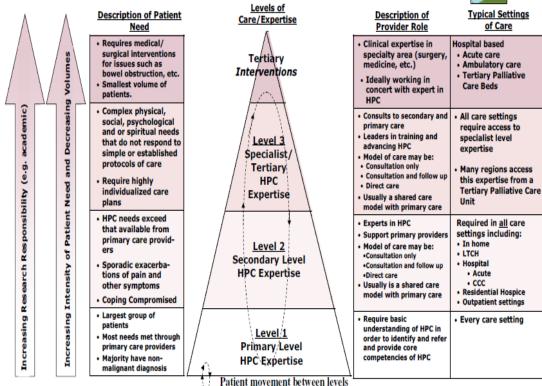




Shared Care Model

Providing Hospice Palliative Care (HPC) in Erie St. Clair -Conceptual Model





Palliative care should be a two-pronged approach:

- Primary care delivery
 - Create necessary tools for support
- Specialist palliative care support

Model developed for Erie St. Clair End of Life Care Network (ESC EOLCN), by Beth Lambie—Director ESC EOLCN (Sept. 2008, revised Dec. 2008, Jan. 2009)
This model incorporates concepts, design and content from: 1) Palliative care Australia—A Guide to Palliative Care Sentice Development (2005) pg. 14 & 15; 2) Unpublished work by Dr. D. Dudgeon (1992),
3) Chronic Disease Management Framework—ESC LHIN—Ralph Ganter (2008), 4) CHPCA Model (2002) pg. 56. 5) Cancer Care Ontario—Regional Models of Care-March 2009 (relating to research responsibility).
Note—Regional variations may result in: level 3 being subdivided to create a 4th level (quaternary level) or level 2 and 3 being merged to create a single level of specialist care.

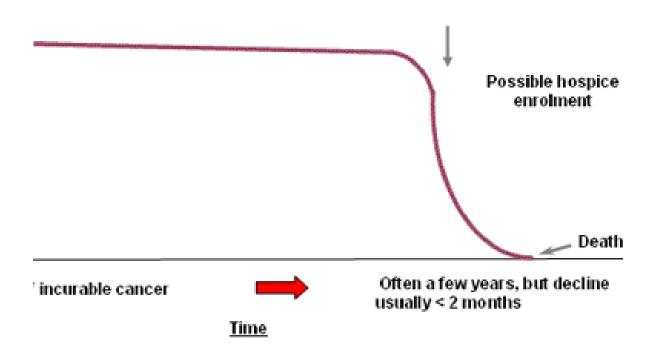






How Early?

'Cancer' Trajectory, Diagnosis to Death



If a patient is spending more than 50% of their time in bed/lying down, prognosis is estimated to be three months or less







Surprise Question

"Would you be surprised if your patient died in the next year?"



Initiate a palliative approach to care

Adapted from the Gold Standards Framework (GSF) Prognostic Indicator Guidance tool







Surprise Question

Advantages:

- Simple to implement supports clinician buy-in
- Data to support its use in oncology and nephrology
- Has gained acceptance and traction

Disadvantages:

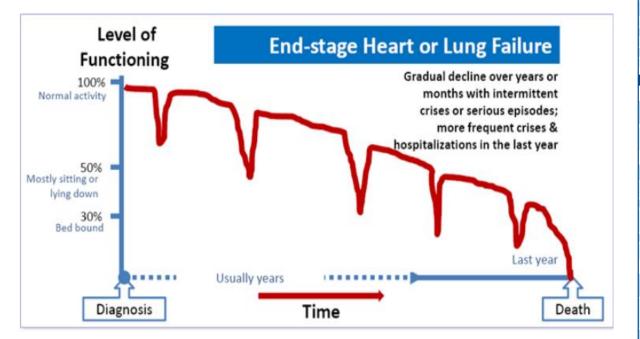
- Utility unknown in primary care and in patients with multiple comorbid illness
- Preliminary oncology and primary care data from Ariadne Labs shows that the surprise question misses approximately 40% of patients who die







Surprise Question





Supportive and Palliative Care Indicators Tool (SPICT™)



The SPICT™ is a guide to identifying people at risk of deteriorating health and dying. Assess these people for unmet supportive and palliative care needs.

Look for two or more general indicators of deteriorating health.

- Performance status is poor or deteriorating (the person is in bed or a chair for 50% or more of the day); reversibility is limited.
- Dependent on others for most care needs due to physical and/or mental he
- Two or more unplanned hospital admissions in the past 6 months.
- Significant weight loss (5-10%) over the past 3-6 months, and/ or a low bo Persistent, troublesome symptoms despite optimal treatment of underlying
- Patient asks for supportive and palliative care, or treatment withdrawal.

Look for any clinical indicators of one or more advanced conditi

Functional ability deteriorating due to progressive metastatic artery disease with: Too frail for oncology treatment or treatment is for symptom vascular disease. Dementia/ frailty Respiratory disease Unable to dress, walk or eat without help. Severe chronic lung disease

Eating and drinking less; swallowing difficulties.

Urinary and faecal incontinence No longer able to communicate using verbal language; little

Fractured femur; multiple falls. Recurrent febrile episodes or

infections; aspiration pneumonis

Neurological disease

accial interaction.

Progressive deterioration in physical and/or cognitive function despite optimal therapy

Speech problems with increasing difficulty communicating and/ or progressive swallowing

Recurrent aspiration pneumonia breathless or respiratory failure.

Heart/ vascular disease

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NYHA Class III/IV heart failure, or extensive, untreatable coronary

at rest or on minimal exertion. Severe, inoperable peripheral

· breathlessness at rest or on

minimal exertion between

Needs long term oxygen therapy. Has needed ventilation for respiratory failure or ventilation is

Review supportive and palliative oar oare planning

- Review current treatment and medication receives optimal care.
- Consider referral for specialist assessment needs are complex and difficult to mana-
- Agree current and future care goals, and
- . Plan ahead if the patient is at risk of loss
- Record, communicate and coordinate the

The GSF Prognostic Indicator Guidance framework

The National GSF Centre's guidance for clinicians to

'Earlier identification of people nearing the end of their life and inclusion on the register leads to

earlier planning and better co-ordinated care' (GSF National Primary Care Snapshot Audit 2010)

About 1% of the population die each year. Although some deaths are unexpected, many more in fact can be predicted. This is inherently difficult, but if we were better able to predict people in the final year of life, whatever their diagnosis, and include them on a register, there is good evidence that they are more likely to receive well-co-

ordinated, high quality care.

This updated fourth edition of the GSF Prognostic Indicator Guidance, supported by the RCGP, aims to help GPs, clinicians and other professionals in earlier identification of those adult patients nearing the end of their life who may need additional support. Once identified, they can be placed on a register such as the GP's QOF / GSF palliative care, hospital flagging system or locality register. This in turn can trigger specific support, such clarifying their particular needs, offering advance care planning discussions prevention of crises admissions and pro-active

Definition of End of Life Care

People are 'approaching the end of life' when they are likely to death is imminent (expected within a few hours or days) and

- · General frailty and co-existing conditions that mean the
- are expected to die within 12 months
 Existing conditions if they are at risk of dying from a
- sudden acute crisis in their condition
- Life-threatening acute conditions caused by sudder

hree triggers that suggest that patients are nearing the end of life are:

- The Surprise Question: 'Would you be surprised if this patient were to die in the next few months, weeks, day
- General indicators of decline deterioration increasing need or choice for no further active care.









The Palliative Intervention

Table 2. Key Elements of Palliative Care Visits

7 Key Elements

Relationship and rapport building

Addressing symptoms

Symptom assessment and review

Symptom management

Addressing coping

Ability to cope

Spirituality and faith

Emotional status

Referral to social work, psychiatry, or psychology

Establishing illness understanding

Information preference

Prognostic awareness

Current illness status

Discussing cancer treatments

Effect of cancer treatments

Decision making about cancer treatment

End-of-life planning

Resuscitation preferences

Hospice discussion or referral

Practical or personal plans

Health care proxy

Engaging family members

- 1. Pain and symptom management including assessing and managing psychosocial needs
 - ESAS
 - Functional status
- 2. Serious Illness Conversations/Advanced Care Planning
- 3. Coordination of care
- 4. Ongoing monitoring







South West INTEGRATE Project







About INTEGRATE

- Early identification of patients who would benefit from a palliative approach is essential to ensuring that patients have access to the services they need, at the right time, at the right place, by the right care provider.
- Born out of a change idea from the London-Middlesex Collaborative expanding and building upon Cancer Care Ontario's framework to meet the needs of patients and care providers in London-Middlesex
- A collaborative effort between the South West Regional Cancer Program and the South West Hospice Palliative Care Network
- Initiated in the fall of 2016







About INTEGRATE

- Framework to help identify, assess, and plan for patients who would benefit from a palliative approach in primary and tertiary settings
- Focuses on on early identification interventions in:
 - Primary care
 - Tertiary care (oncology)
 - Aboriginal care each
- Tailored approach and evaluation metrics
- Based on system resources and capacity







INTEGRATE: London Regional Cancer Program







Identification of Patients

- The GI Disease Site Team agreed to pilot early identification and a palliative approach to care at LRCP
- Surprise Question acts as the trigger (imbedded in GI Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC) electronic referral form)
- Patients who would benefit from a palliative approach are identified and information is dictated to an MCC note











<u>This person has been identified as someone</u> <u>who could benefit from INTEGRATE</u>

☐ Get verbal consent from patient/family to make referral to the SWLHIN (formerly CCAC).
☐ Complete Integrate Referral to SWLHIN Form.
$\hfill \square$ Begin Serious Illness conversations and document this in the chart.
☐ Review ESAS on every visit and manage symptoms.
\square Complete Integrate update form with any change in status.
☐ Referrals to supportive care and or palliative care as required.

Palliative Alerts (based on Performance Status)

	ECOG	PPS %	Action to be taken based on functional status in context of progressive life- limiting illness (unless patient specifically requests otherwise; actions may be initiated earlier)
	0	100	ESAS and PPS regularly Encourage patient to continue seeing family physician on a regular basis
	1	90	
		80	☐ ESAS and PPS at each visit
STABLE		70	Explore patient's understanding of illness Discuss prognosis and goals of care. Discuss treatment options : benefits and burden
MAL -	2	60	Increase frequency of clinical monitory Activate LHIN Home Care Services Initiate advance care planning discussions. Establish plans to deal with emergencies (avoid ED visits if possible) Explore community resources
TRANSITIONAL	3	50	Move setting of care to home (or LTC, Residential Home) Ensure physician coverage in the home Discuss code status and establish DNR Discuss preferred and optimal place of death based on needs and circumstances
		40	
SND-OF-LIFE	4	30	Weekly Home visits Prepare family and caregivers (what to expect, signs of imminent death, what to do when person dies – do not call 911 but rather LHIN). Stop non-essential medications Review medications: discontinue non-essential meds, order parenteral (subcut) meds in case patient unable to swallow (e.g., opioid, haloperidol, glycopyrolate) Complete Expected Death in Home (EDITH) form Review again setting of death/care preference
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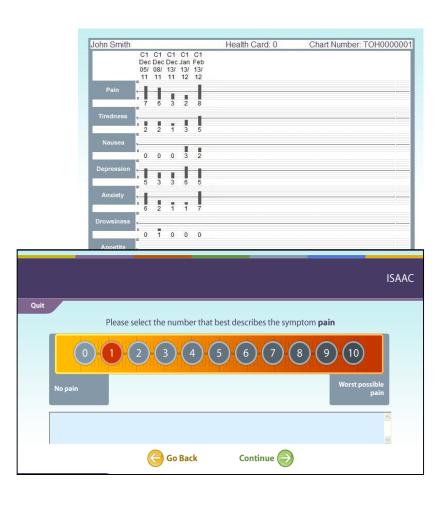




The Palliative Approach

1. Pain and symptom management:

- Ontario Symptom Management Collaborative
- LRCP Steering Committee
- Screening tools (ESAS and PPS)
- Algorithms and symptom guides to practice





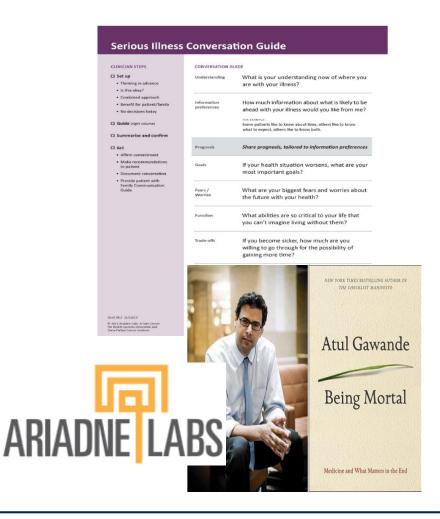




The Palliative Approach

2. Goals of Care/Serious Illness Conversation

- Serious Illness Conversation training provided ahead of the INTEGRATE project launch to support meaningful serious illness/goals of care conversations
- Full day workshop Sept 30, 2017
- Documentation of Serious Illness Conversation
 - Dictation Code
 - Serious illness conversation template in PowerChart
 - Common folder for all serious illness/goals of care conversations in PowerChart

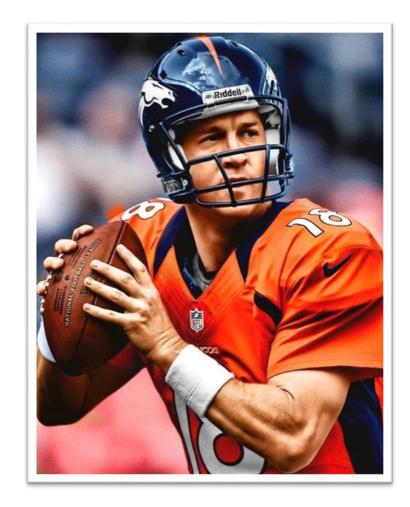








The Palliative Approach



3. Coordination of Care (quarterback)

- Early referral to Home and Community Care
- Complete the Coordinated Care Plan and share with broader team
- Request status updates from primary care/LRCP as required and communicate with the broader team
- Coordination of care plan
 - Follow up post-discharge from hospital/emergency department
 - Monitor regular performances (ESAS, PSS)
 - Connect patient/family to services







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CC Regional Cancer Program					
in partnership with Cancer Care Ontario					
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PATIENT IDENTIFICATION	N				
Patient Name:			Date of Birth:		
LRCP Chart Number:		Health Insurance	e Number:		
CLINICAL INFORMATION					
Diagnosis:					
SYMPTOMS OF NOTE: Please	circle any symptoms that are <u>N</u>	EW or REQUIRE MAN	NAGEMENT .		
□ Pain	□ Tiredness	□ Nau	sea (□ Depression	
□ Anxiety	 Drowsiness 	□ App	etite (□ Wellbeing	
 Shortness of Breath 	 Other (see comments)			
Comments:					
FUNCTIONAL / PERFORMANCE	E STATUS:				
PPS Level (ECOG):					
□ ≥80% □ 70%-60	% G0%-50% C	50%-40%	□ 30%	□ ≤ 20%	
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Supports Requested:					
 Palliative Nursing Suppor 	t Occupational The	rapy 🗆 Hos	pice Referral		
 Palliative Physician Home 	Visit 🗆 Social Work	□ Req	uires Symptom Relief K	it	
□ DNR Status Discussion □ Complete EDITH		□ No l	□ No Home Support Required – Case Mgmt Only		
 Increase Nursing Hours 	□ PSW Support	□ Oth	er		
Additional Notes:					
☐ Changes in Goals of Care /	Advance Care Planning Docume	ntation	ached CPP and/	or PowerChart	
Date Discussion Initiated:	01	Patient aware of INTE	GRATE referral to Home	and Community Care	
Status Update Documented by: (I	Print Name)		Signature:		
** FAX COMPLE	TED FORM TO NURSING	AGENCY AND PR	RIMARY CARE DO	CTOR **	

INTEGRATE PILOT GI DST - Draft LRCP PROCESS Question Asked After Surprise Question Asked Documented to Form September 22, 2017 E-Referral to DST intake clerk Wendy Communicate to MRP GI DST Agenda (RO, MO) Need for MRP Goals Palliative of care. Southwest LHIN Serious Illness Discussion at Care Documented or Purple Note completes/ GI Rounds Approach Conversations Dictated in at MCC - to updates CCP Documented begin / PowerChart be filed on (Ongoing) in MCC continue. Template. Chart by Patient Notes Health YES consents Change in Care Coordinator Palliative Care Records. ESAS, PPS to SW-LHIN SW LHIN request update and ECOG patient status approach referral Complex status for patient / faxed from confirmed? monitored. Care family as required. Clinic to SW (ongoing) Manager LHIN by LRCP Documented Band w/o LRCP No. Non-London Referral NO in PowerChart. Clinic Nurse Continue to Medical Patient Coordination of Care Plan Filed at monitor patient - F/U post Adm/D/C ER Visit Reassess Intake LRCP at LRCP. at LRCP - Monitor Regular performance Clerk Supportive and (ESAS, ECOG) Palliative Care Connect patient/ family Referrals as with services. Access already Usual required Status update to care team Palliative Care in place. care plan (i.e. community nursing, approach Go over Checklist Not family physician, LRCP) confirmed? Synoptic report. INTEGRATE Referral to INTEGRATE.

Implementation

Based on system resources and capacity, **250 patients** will be identified to participate in this approach over the course of one year.

- Launched October 1, 2017
- Serious Illness Conversation Workshop completed
- Dictation codes and template live!







Outcome Measures

Primary outcome measures

- Visits to hospital
- Visits to Emergency Department
- Deaths in place of choice
- Goals of Care discussions

Serious Illness Conversation Workshop

Qualitative study









INTEGRATE: Primary Care and Aboriginal Care







Primary Care

- Byron Family Medical Centre
- Development of a quality improvement project that will improve communication about goals of care and encourage/initiate advanced care planning
- All patients 75 and over screened with "surprise question"
- Those who respond "no" to surprise question will follow a similar pathway as LRCP (early referral to Home and Community Care)
- Development of patient information sheets on advanced care planning and home care
- Launched on October 16, 2017







Primary Care

- Two LEAP Mini Courses offered to the Department of Family and Community Medicine in 2016
 - interdisciplinary
 - academic and adjunct faculty
- Byron Family Medical Centre staff invited to attend Serious Illness Conversation Workshop









Aboriginal Care

- Initial focus was on Indigenous cultural safety training
- Two different education opportunities available to primary care physicians in the South West:
 - Nine E-learning Mainpro+ accredited modules to strengthen knowledge of First Nations, Inuit and Metis history and culture to improve health outcomes and person-centred care
 - South West LHIN Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Mainpro+ accredited facilitated online training program
- Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP) course planned for February 2018







Next Steps

- Monthly evaluation of identified patients, referrals, and serious illness conversations
- Monitor existing LHIN metrics (ED admission, place of choice, etc.)
- Review of project resource impact –
 SW LHIN Home and Community Care
- Closeout report









Looking to the future...

- Continued support for Serious Illness Conversation program LRCP and beyond
- Continued support for Home and Community Care involvement development of a business case to expand service regionally
- Roll out of palliative approach to other disease sites at LRCP
- Expand to include other Family Health Teams and primary care settings
- Development of a formal education/engagement plan











From entrepreneurs to social movements, politicians to philanthropists, events to inventions. People and their beliefs are upsetting the orthodoxy for better or worse... changing how we live, our sense of ourselves, and society.







Questions?

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