

Enhancing Long-Term Care Through Electronic Clinical Support Tools

A key priority of the Ontario government is reducing hallway healthcare. Long-term care homes will be integral in helping to accomplish this, by reducing avoidable hospitalizations and emergency department visits. To support this objective, the Think Research™ Clinical Support Tools (CSTs) have been included in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's (MOHLTC) programming plan.

Through support from the MOHLTC, the Ontario Long-Term Care Association and AdvantAge Ontario, we are pleased to provide you with access to the Clinical Support Tools in PointClickCare and MED e-care.

The goal of the Clinical Support Tools program is to provide homes with tools to help drive standardization, quality improvement initiatives, access to data and ultimately, ensure appropriate care is put in place to reduce avoidable hospitalizations. The Clinical Support Tools include:

- Assessments
- Care Plan and Task Libraries
- Structured Progress Notes
- Data Analytics

Featured CST: Palliative and End-of-Life Management

It's a demanding field, and with resource limitations, variation in knowledge and clinical practices, along with increasingly complex care needs, palliative and end-of-life care is often delivered later in a resident's journey.

A Proactive, Standardized Approach to Care

Think Research's Palliative and End-of-Life Management CST assists long term care home clinicians by providing evidence-based decision support, incorporating a palliative approach to care and end-of-life leading practices, while documenting in the resident's electronic health record (EHR).

Users of the tool receive full training, including a comprehensive Palliative and End-of-Life instruction handbook and quick reference guides.

Data-Driven Insights

Data reports from this CST use can measure activity for each resident, home and organization, and can yield insights that drive quality and continuous improvement.

As the program is funded by the MOHLTC, the Palliative and End-of-Life Management CST is currently available at no cost. To ensure success, a dedicated Think Research project team will be appointed, tailoring implementation and training to your organization's needs.

Please contact Think Research or the Program Management Office to learn more or participate in an upcoming information session:

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