

# South East Regional Palliative Care Network

Regional Round-up – September 6, 2017

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[August round-up available online](#)

## Regional engagement and feedback

The regional hospice palliative care 3-year work plan will be shared with the network shortly. As part of collecting feedback to inform the work plan, there was broad engagement with community stakeholders. This included group meetings with both the Francophone and First Nations, Inuit and Métis community. There are two reports to share that provide an overview of these meetings and the feedback provided:

- Talking Circle report – the FNIM perspective (draft in circulation)
- [Integration of the Francophone Perspective](#)

As we move forward together, the work plan will be inclusive and reflective of the various perspectives and cultures in the southeast region.

## South East RPCN steering committee update

At the last steering committee, OPCN gave an update on the development of their three-year action plan. The steering committee reviewed a draft set of proposed actions and asked to provide feedback. Similar feedback was collected from other RPCN across Ontario, and once synthesized will contribute to the development of the final action plan for OPCN.

There was no meeting scheduled for August and they will resume regular meetings in September.

## Education opportunities – Fall 2017

The Home & Community Care branch of the South East LHIN announces two opportunities:

### **Advanced Palliative Practice Skills (APPS)**

For personal Support Workers (PSWs), Health Care Aides, and Hospice Volunteers who are graduates of the Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care program or the Level 1 Palliative Care Course.

- [Smith Falls - Registration Deadline: Sept 7, 2017](#)
- [Kingston - Registration Deadline: Oct 25, 2017](#)

The exciting curriculum uses a blended learning style:

- 3 x 3 hour in-person sessions

- eLearning modules
- Self-directed reading

## **The Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care - Basic Level Multidisciplinary Palliative Care Education**

Do you work or volunteer in the Health Care System? Do you want to improve your ability to care for someone with a potentially life-limiting illness? This could be the course for you!

- [Smith Falls - Registration Deadline: September 6, 2017](#)
- [Brockville - Registration Deadline: October 11, 2017](#)
- [Belleville - Registration Deadline: October 10, 2017](#)
- [Tweed - Registration Deadline: October 10, 2017](#)

The exciting NEW Core Fundamentals curriculum includes:

- In-person learning sessions
- E-learning modules
- Self-directed reading
- Peer-to-peer sessions

## **Upcoming event**

### **Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference (21-23 September, 2017): [Details HERE](#)**

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association is pleased to present the 2017 Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference, in Ottawa from September 20 - 23. This conference provides doctors, nurses, pharmacists, hospice palliative care and other allied healthcare professionals; and caregivers, volunteers, spiritual advisers, and social workers with the opportunity to share their experience and expertise on a national platform. This event expects to attract 500-800 hospice palliative care professionals.

## **In the news**

[Website helps kick-start difficult palliative-care conversations](#) - Toronto Star

Bannon had difficult end-of-life-care conversations with his parents, both ... and director of Stanford University's Palliative Care Education and ...

[Privatizing government home care 'not even part of our discussions,' says PEI health minister](#) - CBC.ca

Under the program, Island EMS' paramedics are available to provide palliative care to patients at home, when regular home care workers aren't ...

[Canadian Virtual Hospice Providing Additional Supports for Those Grieving](#) - PembinaValleyOnline.com

She says Virtual Hospice is the most comprehensive online source for information on palliative and end-of-life care, loss and grief in the world.

[Overcoming fear, stigma associated with end-of-life palliative care](#) - InsideHalton.com

Despite the fact that prestigious organizations such as the World Health Organization recommend early palliative care for people living with a life ...

[Palliative patients wanting to die at home face new and costly drug dispensing fees](#) - CTV News

Susan said the new fees are unfair because it would cost the government more money to care for her husband in palliative care in hospital. "It makes ...

[Early Palliative Care Decreased Healthcare Use at End of Life](#) - Cancer Network-12 hours ago

Participating in a palliative care consultation significantly decreased healthcare use of Medicare beneficiaries with advanced cancer at the end ...

[How a Toronto hospital uses virtual reality to grant dying patients a ...](#) - CBC.ca

But she says she's ready for today's trip — the promise of an escape from the Toronto palliative care ward in which she's spent the past five ...