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**RESOURCE UTILIZATION GROUPS (RUG)
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER DAY**

**GREY NUNS HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM
1100 YOUVILLE DRIVE WEST
EDMONTON, AB**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 – 9:00AM

- AHS is pleased to welcome everyone to what we hope will be a very interesting workshop focusing on how the Resource Utilization Groups generated from RAI assessments of continuing care clients can be used to fund the programs that serve them.
- This has proven to be a very popular topic – over 80 people are here in person and many more are connecting by webex from across the province.
- AHS is only one of the sponsors of this event. We also want to thank the Canadian Institute for Health Information (represented by Kevin Murphy and Brent Diverty) and the University of Alberta (Dr. Anne Sales) for their financial sponsorship and their organizational assistance.
- The RAI assessment tools are currently used to assess long-term care, supportive living and home care clients in Alberta as well as in many other provinces and territories, and other countries around the world.
- Beyond clinical assessment data, the RAI assessment tools also provide management and policy-makers with information which supports planning, quality improvement, funding and accountability.
- Critically, the RAI assessment tools can be used by clinicians to identify client needs, plan care and track outcomes.
- Activity-Based Funding needs good measurement systems as its foundation. The RAI assessment instruments will play a major

role for us as we introduce it first to Long-Term Care funding this year, and then to Supportive Living and Long-Term Home Care.

- The RAI systems have case mix grouping and objective quality measures. Both are required for Activity-Based Funding to be successful.
- The RAI systems are continually evolving and we look forward to seeing how these tools can be used to measure our progress towards achieving the best possible health outcomes for the clients we serve in continuing care in Alberta.
- Alberta Health Services Strategy about seniors' accommodation has five pillars:
 - Supporting independence through choice of options for care
 - Standardized assessments to ensure the right person is in the right place
 - Activity based funding
 - Assuring quality of care
 - Meeting demand of an aging population
- This seminar is about pillars three and four.
- What we are proposing is a big transition of the system as we harmonize the disparate arrangements that were developed in the previous nine regions and we introduce funding equity for providers.

- This seminar, described as a knowledge transfer day, will help you all prepare for that transition.