

Advancing Dementia Diagnosis and Management in Alberta Workshop Survey Results

The Senior's Health Strategic Clinical Network hosted a full-day workshop in Red Deer on Feb 26, 2016. The topic was: *Advance Dementia Diagnosis and Management in Alberta: The Primary Role of Primary Health Care Supported by Specialized Services*. The workshop was made possible through funding provided by Alberta Health. Over 200 participants including primary care physicians, specialists, researchers, managers, not-for profit organizations and care partners participated. A brief survey was sent to participants post workshop. We received 81 responses, put into themes below.

1. What did you learn that you might be able to implement in your PCN or program?

- "Switching from a consultative model to a primary care based model is key to improving community based geriatric care"
- "Networking with the Alzheimer Society is key in order to support people living with dementia well in the community"
- "Inter-professional collaboration is essential"
- "We need to promote Primary Care Networks to provide services to an aging population. Providing required services to an aging population fits in well with the patients' medical home model"
- "Need to listen to caregivers! Early involvement of resources for care partners"
- "There are resources in the community to assist care partners and people living with dementia but the issue is they are poorly coordinated"
- "We need assistance with education and system integration"

2. What topics should be considered in a future event?

- Themes that emerged from the survey regarding topics to consider for a future event:
- Report on progress made in Alberta regarding geriatric clinics in Alberta
- How to develop inter-organizational collaborative teams for seniors in the community, focusing on the essential link in primary care between PCN's, HC and not-for profit organizations in order to support people living with dementia and their care partners
 - Integrating PCN's with AHS resources
 - Strategic planning to include home care
- Education and training for all disciplines, health care aides, family and community regarding dementia and frailty
- There is a need for standardized assessment tools

Survey Response Grouping:

Answer Choices	Responses
Primary Care Networks	33.33% 27
Other AHS and AH Staff and Managers	23.46% 19
Care Partners	12.35% 10
Other Primary Care Health Care Programs and Home Care	9.88% 8
Continuing Care Facilities (Long Term Care and Supportive Living)	8.64% 7
Specialized Geriatric Services	7.41% 6
Community Agencies	4.94% 4
Total	81

Workshop Partners

