

ISMP Trailblazer Home QI Project

The Strengthening Medication Safety in Long Term Care 3-year initiative is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care. This work will include addressing Justice Gillese's specific recommendations with respect to detecting potential medication incidents that would otherwise go unnoticed.

What are we doing?

The use of antipsychotic medications has sparked controversy across the province, the country and around the world because of side effects such as sedation, higher risk of falls and slightly increased risk of death. Family members of long-term care home residents may also see their loved ones struggling to communicate or sleeping for large parts of the day as a result of antipsychotic medication use.

The *percentage of LTC residents without psychosis who were given antipsychotic medication in the 7 days preceding their resident assessment* has always been an indicator tracked by Fairhaven, and will be a priority focus for the upcoming year.

Fairhaven has completed the MSSA (Medication Safety Self-Assessment) and will continue to do so annually to benchmark our success and area's where to improve.

We will be taking on a medication management QI project, in consultation with ISMP Canada, throughout the next 6-9 months. **Core indicators** surrounding medication incidents including level of harm; medication errors that alter a resident's health status or required enhanced resident monitoring; involving high-alert medications; contributing factors; Transfers to emergency department; and usage of glucagon/severe unresponsive hypoglycemia will be monitored.

There is a **resident and family engagement sample survey** also being distributed throughout the month of January.

Working together with the Residents, Families, Physicians, Nurse Practitioner, BSO team, and Nursing staff, our aim is to reduce these numbers to align with the provincial benchmark.

For further information on the project, please visit:

<https://ismpcanada.ca/resource/ltc/#trailblazerhomes> or contact Melissa.lasenby@fairhavenltc.com.