

# HOME CARE SAFETY ROUNDTABLE

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## KEY THEMES

- System Level Communication
- Collaborative Care
- Client's Right to Live at Risk & Partnering with Clients and Families
- Advance Knowledge of Measurement for Improvement
- Leading Practices in Medication Safety, Falls Prevention, & Infection Prevention and Control

## HOME CARE ROUNDTABLE

The Canadian Home Care Association reports that in 2011, 1.4 million people received home care, which includes one in every six seniors (aged 65 plus). In 2013, the landmark

Pan-Canadian Safety at Home Study examined the prevalence, incidence, magnitude and types of adverse events in home care. The study found that the annual incident rate of adverse events was in the range of 10-13%. It was judged that 56% of the adverse events were preventable. The most common adverse events identified in the study were falls, medication errors and infections. Prior to the Home Care Safety Roundtable materials were distributed before the meeting to inform participants on safety events and evidence-based practices specific to the home care settings. Participants completed a pre-meeting survey to identify the top three concerns or gaps in their opinion for home care safety. The common themes were identified from the survey, and presented at the meeting. Participants reviewed the themes in detail and discussed specific actions to advance patient safety in home care. By the end of the meeting, participants had a sense that now is the time for action.

A home care action plan was developed with the active involvement of meeting participants, resulting in 23 action items organized in 5 themes. A number of organizations volunteered to take lead roles for specific actions. The Home Care Safety Roundtable Action has been incorporated into the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Accreditation Canada
- Alberta Health Services
- Atlantic Health Quality and Patient Safety Collaborative
- Canada Health Infoway
- Canadian Home Care Association
- Canadian Institute for Health Information
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute
- CARF Canada
- College of Family Physicians of Canada
- CSA Group
- Eastern Health
- Health Quality Council (Saskatchewan)
- Health Quality Council of Alberta
- Health Quality Ontario
- Health PEI (PEI Home Care)
- ISMP Canada
- Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety
- Ministry, Manitoba Health

- Ministry, Northwest Territories Department of Health and Social Services
- Ministry, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
- Ministry, New Brunswick Department of Health
- Ministry, Nunavut Department of Health and Social Services
- Patients for Patient Safety Canada
- Revera Home Health
- Saint Elizabeth
- Saskatoon Health Region - Community Care
- University of Toronto