



## New Opportunity – Become a Medication Safety Trailblazer!

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) is pleased to announce that the *Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care initiative* is moving into an exciting NEW phase!

We are now launching up to 100 Trailblazer Homes with the tools, facilitation, and coaching that have successfully supported the great medication safety work of the Champion Homes over the past year.

### 4 Key Areas of Collaboration and Support



*"As one of the 10 Champion Homes in the Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care initiative, our team applied quality improvement tools and took a deep dive into medication reconciliation finding paths to improvements. By analyzing what goes on behind the scenes, we identified and tested safer and more efficient ways to support resident safety. The project has brought the entire team together, allowing us to question and learn from each other."*

*Alice Jyu, Director of Nursing (Project Lead),  
Bendale Acres, City of Toronto, Seniors Services and Long-term Care*

Interested in making a commitment at your home for improving medication safety by joining a provincial collaborative to learn and test improvements with the help of experts?

Registration is free and limited to the first 100 homes to [sign up](#).

Participating Homes will be invited to the *first Trailblazer Collaborative Learning Session* offered virtually and in-person on November 3rd, 2022, in Toronto.



*One of our successes in the initiative is resident and family engagement through the representation of resident(s) and family member(s) in our medication safety meetings; and utilizing the “What Matters To You” model in our medication safety program. Asking what matters helps healthcare teams to further understand what is important to our residents.*

*Alexis Lamsen RN, GNC © IIWCC  
Mgr. of Clinical Practice- Niagara Region  
Project Lead- Champion Home*

### Initiative Overview

The goal of the *Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care* initiative is to reduce harm associated with medication management errors within Long-Term Care (LTC) in Ontario. This is a 3-year initiative funded by the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care<sup>1</sup>.

All activities within the initiative integrate across the 4 key areas of ISMP Canada collaboration and support to enable capability and capacity building in the sector. There is a focus on resident and family engagement/participation as part of the quality improvement process.

The Faculty of ISMP Canada will collaborate with **Trailblazer Homes** to help them complete a Baseline Medication Safety Assessment (MSSA-LTC<sup>2</sup> and 4 Core Medication Safety Indicators).

Participating homes will then pick one or more of the following activities, receive expert facilitation and coaching, then share their learning with other Trailblazers.

*Choose one or more of these options*

- Resident/family member [engagement](#) initiative
- Learn how to effectively [report, learn, and act](#) following a medication incident in your home (based on the Canadian Incident Analysis Framework)
- Improve your [MedRec](#) process
- Select one of the [Medication Management Policies](#) for adaptation, implementation, and evaluation locally
- Select a priority medication management process and [improve it](#)
- Discuss other options with the ISMP Canada Faculty!

### Trailblazer Home Commitment

Build a Trailblazer team at the home that meets monthly and includes a **Team Lead, Director of Care, Medical Director, one or two nursing staff, pharmacist, and a resident or family member**. All Team members will be invited to monthly webinars and quarterly learning sessions. At least one Team member will participate in the quarterly learning sessions.

Commit time for discussion, decisions, implementing actions, and evaluating outcomes. The medication safety journey is continuous! It is estimated that the Team Lead will have **1 to 2 hours a week** dedicated to this work and team members will dedicate **2 to 4 hours a month** for up to 9 months.

For more information, e-mail [LTC@ismpcanada.ca](mailto:LTC@ismpcanada.ca)

*“I have enjoyed getting to know about pills and how they're handled, and I think everyone should get to know how. Every home should be learning this.”*  
*Leslie – Resident, Champion Home*

<sup>1</sup>The Strengthening Medication Safety in LTC Initiative is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care. Views expressed are the views of ISMP Canada and do not necessarily reflect the views of the province.

<sup>2</sup>ISMP Canada's Medication Safety Self-Assessment for Long-Term Care, 2021