

DEMENTIA EDUCATION PROGRAM for FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Background

- Based on the highly successful program developed by the Champlain Dementia Network in 2003.
- Over 200 family physicians have been trained in less than two years.
- The Regional Geriatric Program central, the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton and the Hamilton Dementia Network have partnered to bring the program to Hamilton and surrounding areas.

Benefits

- Builds capacity – enhances family physicians' knowledge of geriatric issues.
- Needs-based – physicians complete a needs assessment form to identify their education requirements.
- Accessible – family physicians receive the info they need on-site and at a convenient time during their clinical practice schedule.
- Accredited – meets the accreditation criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is credited for Mainpro-M1 credit and up to 1.0 Mainpro-C credits.
- Free – sponsored by pharmaceutical companies.

Content

Physicians complete an Educational Needs Assessment to identify top four learning priorities from the following list:

- Early identification/screening for cognitive impairment
- Differing Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) from normal aging and from dementia
- Practical office based assessment of Dementia in 3 – 5 visits (a Dementia Toolkit)
- Diagnosis of more unusual Dementias: Lewy Body Dementia/ Fronto Temporal Dementia
- Approach to Vascular Dementia & Mixed Alzheimer's/Vascular Dementia
- Moderate to Severe Dementia
- Disclosure of Diagnosis
- Dementia and treatment of "risk factors" – Nuts and bolts of starting Cholinesterase Inhibitors
- How to monitor patient response to Cholinesterase Inhibitors
- Switching strategies: dealing with patients who don't tolerate or respond to the first Cholinesterase Inhibitor
- Assessing driving safety (a Driving and Dementia Toolkit)
- Behaviours and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia



More Information

If you are a family physician interested in participating in an education session and would like more information, please contact:

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