



Breaking News. . .Specialized Geriatric Services

Welcome to RGPc Newsletter. Breaking News brings you current information related to Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS) while offering our Regions a venue for sharing news, events and initiatives with others. If you have news that you would like to share across RGPc please email rbarron@stpetes.ca

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Highlight on Waterloo

The **Dementia Network of Waterloo Region** assists in meeting the needs of persons with dementia as well as their caregivers. Their membership now includes over 50 organizations. On October 1st they held a forum to celebrate their many successes and officially launch their website: Donna Messer from ConnectUs spoke about tools for network building. Experiential learning experiences were also part of the day with stories shared by persons with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. These stories had a profound effect on the audience and offered meaningful insights into how people and families experience the disease.

Waterloo region is pleased to announce funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a project that will design, implement and evaluate a restorative justice response to the

abuse of older adults. This innovative project provides a safe, culturally sensitive healing response to elder abuse. (Project report: www.crnetwork.ca/about/elderabuse.asp) The Elder Abuse Response team is an outcome of the project. An effective response to elder abuse requires that health, social services and the legal community work together to address the complex needs of the people affected by elder abuse. Restorative Justice offers a resource option that provides an opportunity for change and healing to people affected by elder abuse. The team's mission is *"to prevent and respond to elder abuse by working in partnership with the community and by providing an opportunity for change and healing to people affected by elder abuse, thereby enhancing the safety and well being of older*



adults." Achieving this goal is a result of joint investigations for allegations of abuse, diverting appropriate situations to restorative justice, consultations regarding the issue of elder abuse, community development, in addition to education and training on elder abuse. The effectiveness of this team will be reviewed within one year. For further information contact:

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*is the time for
the adventures
of the body,
but age for the
triumphs of
the mind.*

- Logan Pearsall
Smith

RGPc Update

RGPc is pleased to announce that our regional education strategy is afoot. Education planning representatives from our seven communities came together on October 19th to identify a Common Approach and Common Theme for Year One. The education planning committee identified delirium as a common theme for year one. Our approach involves drawing on existing resources, local expertise

and best practice guidelines and applying these to innovative education activities such as simulated patient models and McMaster's problem based learning style. We will be delivering delirium education models to small groups of six or more and draw on video technology in effort to reach those located in rural areas. A formal notice will be sent confirming education planning representatives in the near future.

RGPc is also excited to inform you that plans are already underway for the 2nd Annual Geriatric Service Recognition Awards. Next year's event includes two new award categories, Student and Executive. Niagara will be hosting next year's awards dinner at the Niagara FallsView Casino. Nomination forms will be available on our website in the very near future. Please stay tuned for more details.

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"The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life . . . the children; those who are in the twilight of life . . . the elderly; and those who are in the shadow of life . . . the sick . . . the needy . . . and the disabled."

- Hubert H. Humphrey

Article Review

Physician Recognition of Cognitive Impairment: Evaluating the Need for Improvement

A recent study in the July issue of the Journal of American Geriatrics Society reports that older persons with mild cognitive impairment are often overlooked and undiagnosed. Physicians correctly identified 81% of patients with dementia and 44% of patients with cognitive impairment without definite dementia. Medical record documentation recognises cognitive impairment in 83% of patients with dementia



and 26% of patients with cognitive impairment without definite dementia. Using a multivariable model, the study reveals that physicians with geriatric credentials recognised cognitive impairment more often than those without. The study underscores the need for additional geriatric training in addition to system solutions in order to improve early recognition for early dementia.

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