



## Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care

...Launching new Tools and Support for Homes!



### ***New Initiative to Support Long-Term Care Homes***

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) is leading an initiative for 3 years to support long-term care homes in strengthening medication safety under a partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care. The initiative will help reduce harm associated with medication errors within homes and will include initiatives addressing Justice Gillese's specific medication safety recommendations, including detecting potential medication incidents that would otherwise go unnoticed.

### ***The Initiative provides Long-Term Care Homes Free Access to Support and Tools in 4 Key Areas:***

1. Measuring and Evaluating Medication Safety
  - ✓ Free access to the ISMP Canada's recently updated Medication Safety Self-Assessment for Long-Term Care ([MSSA-LTC](#))\*
  - ✓ Facilitation support to help homes select and use key indicators to evaluate medication safety and monitor progress on improvements
2. Reporting and Learning and Improving Following a Medication Incident
  - ✓ Education on Identifying, analyzing, and taking action on medication incidents (e.g. Incident Analysis for [LTC Workshops available now](#))
  - ✓ Facilitation support to help homes analyze an incident, develop strategies, and enhance safety.
3. Quality Improvement
  - ✓ [Online learning modules](#) and [interactive virtual workshops](#) for teams
  - ✓ Facilitation support to help homes map and improve their medication processes
4. Tools & Support
  - ✓ Leading practices developed collaboratively for use across the sector (e.g., [Resident & Family Engagement](#), use of emergency supply boxes, etc.)

### ***Sharing and Learning Across the Ontario Long-Term Sector***

Homes will be able to access evidence-informed leading practices and ISMP Canada experts to assess and improve medication safety for their residents. (e.g., use of high-alert medications, medication reconciliation at transitions of care). All homes are invited to join quarterly webinars to receive updates, engage in this initiative, and share the learning.

### ***Please Join Us at the Upcoming Launch Webinar***

**All homes are invited to attend a lunch and learn Webinar on June 23, 12:05 – 1:00 pm.** You will meet the ISMP Canada team, learn more about the available tools and supports, and engage in a Q&A session. **To register for the webinar, or to receive more information on any of tools and supports, send an e-mail to: [LTC@ismpcanada.ca](mailto:LTC@ismpcanada.ca)**

\*A requirement for the new MLTC Medication Safety Technology Program