



## CALL FOR INNOVATIONS

CLOSES SEPTEMBER 13

The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) is looking for operational innovations in home-based palliative care. As part of a pan-Canadian initiative, the CHCA will select and profile 24 organizations who have leading practices in the following areas:

### ◆ Inclusion of advance care plans into the delivery of care in the home

- Ways to support conversations about end-of-life wishes with frontline staff, patients and caregivers.
- Care planning approaches that incorporate advance care wishes.
- Process for ensuring frontline staff understand and respond to an individual's wishes at end-of-life.

### ◆ Assessment and Care Planning

- Early identification and response to the needs of individuals with life-limiting illness.
- Assessment tools that provide a comprehensive understanding of patient's needs.
- Process to make sure the patient and caregiver are both included in the development and updating of the care plan.

### ◆ Effective Communication Strategies and Tactics

- Ways to share information and communicate changes in the patient's condition to the individual, caregiver and all members of the care team.
- Process to rapidly and effectively share information between home care, acute care, primary care, palliative specialists and community paramedics (urban and rural considerations).
- Information and resources designed for family caregivers that are user-friendly and practical.

### ◆ Supplies, Equipment and Medication Management

- Process to ensure necessary equipment, supplies and medication are on-site in the home (without duplication or delay).
- Systems to help organize supplies and medication in the home for quick and easy access and effective inventory management.
- Protocols or processes for returning and/or recycling of supplies, equipment and medications that is cost-effective and user-friendly.



Successful innovations will be featured at the 2018 CHCA Home Care Summits in Charlottetown PEI (Oct 1 & 2) and Vancouver BC (Oct 22 & 23). Expenses will be paid for one member of the team to present at one of the Summits. These presentations will be live-streamed across the country. From these presentations, four Innovative Practices will be chosen to be profiled in a CHCA High Impact Practices and receive national recognition.

If your organization has developed a way to address these challenges, submit your innovation on-line [HERE](#)

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Successful organizations will be notified by September 19.