Central West LHIN 2016/2017 QIP Snapshot Report
INTRODUCTION
Purpose

- To give each Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) a snapshot of its quality improvement efforts as reflected in the 2016/17 Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) submitted to Health Quality Ontario by hospitals, interdisciplinary primary care organizations, community care access centres and long-term care homes.
- To identify general observations, highlight areas that have shown improvement, and identify potential areas for improvement (focusing on a few indicators).
How This Report Should Be Used

• We intend for this report to:
  – Be used for discussion between the LHIN and its health service providers on successes and areas for improvement as reflected in the QIPs
  – Stimulate collaboration within and among organizations across the LHIN who may be working on similar change ideas or areas for improvement
  – Be used as a discussion point with the Regional Quality Tables
  – Be shared with the LHIN board and/or health service provider boards in the LHIN

• This report has been produced in an editable PowerPoint format to support the above uses
Report Structure

For a select number of 2016/17 QIP indicators, this report will summarize:

1. **Quantitative data**, including:
   - Current performance and indicator selection
   - Progress made on 2015/16 QIPs

2. **Qualitative data**, including:
   - Change ideas and partnerships
   - Barriers and challenges
   - Success stories

For more information about these and other indicators, please visit the Health Quality Ontario website to access the publicly posted QIPs ([Sector QIP](#)) or search the QIP database ([QIP Query](#))
Rationale for Selected Indicators

This snapshot provides information on priority indicators that require collaboration and integration across sectors.

Hospital
• 30-Day Readmissions for Select HBAM Inpatient Groupers
• 30-Day Readmissions for Select Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) Cohorts (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Stroke, Congestive Heart Failure)
• Alternative Level of Care Rate

Primary care
• 7-Day Post-Discharge Follow-up
• Timely Access to Primary Care
• Hospital Readmissions for Primary Care Patients

Community care
• Hospital Readmissions for Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Clients

Long-term care (LTC)
• Emergency Department Visits for Ambulatory Care–Sensitive Conditions

For more information about these QIP indicators, see the 2016/17 QIP indicator technical specification document.
## Central West LHIN Overview

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*Please note that multi-sector sites are already included in the sector totals, above.*
Key Observations – Overarching

- Reflecting back on their 2015/16 QIPs, more than 85% of organizations reported progress on at least one priority or additional indicator, and more than half reported progress on three or more.
- There was a high uptake of priority issues in the 2016/17 QIPs, particularly patient experience and integration.
  - More than three-quarters (78%) of organizations described working on at least one of the indicators related to integration.
  - More than 80% of organizations described working on at least one of the indicators related to patient experience.
- Most organizations set targets to improve, but many of these targets are modest – typically within 1–5% of their current performance.
  - While this may be appropriate for some indicators, organizations are encouraged to reflect on their current performance and consider whether a stretch target might be appropriate.
All sectors described an increased use of Patient and Family Advisory Councils and Forums in the development of their QIPs

Percentage of Organizations that reported engaging Patient Advisory Councils and Forums in development of 2015/16 QIPs and 2016/17 QIPs across all four sectors
Most sectors described an increased engagement of patients and families in the co-design of QI initiatives.

Percentage of Organizations that reported engaging Patients and Families in development of 2015/16 QIPs and 2016/17 QIPs across all four sectors.
Key Observations – Per Sector

- **Hospitals**: The area where the most hospitals reported progress was emergency department length of stay (61% of hospitals reporting progress), followed by positive patient experience (recommend hospital; 60% of hospitals reporting progress).

- **Primary care**: The area where the most primary care organizations reported progress was cancer screening (65% reporting progress in colorectal cancer screening and 55% reporting progress in cervical cancer screening).

- **Home care**: The area where the most CCACs saw progress was related to integration issues (77% of CCACs reported progress on unplanned emergency visits and 75% of CCACs reported progress on hospital readmissions).

- **Long-term care**: The area where the most homes reported progress was appropriate prescribing of antipsychotics (78% of homes reporting progress).
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN DATA
Provincial Averages

Ontario provincial averages (%) for selected integration indicators across sectors*QIP 2014/15–QIP 2016/17

Better performance

![Graph showing trends in various indicators over fiscal years 2014/15 to 2016/17.]

- **Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**
- **Hospital Readmissions for CCACs**
- **Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers**
- **Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute**
- **Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke**

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*Data were obtained from external sources, and indicators presented in the graph are risk-unadjusted unless specified otherwise. Potentially avoidable ED visits for long-term care residents has a unit of rate per 100 long-term care residents; all other indicators have a unit of percent. Provincial average data were not available for primary care organization indicators from external data sources and are not presented in this graph.

**Data sources**
- Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-term Care Residents: Canadian Institute for Health Information.
- Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure; Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers, Risk-Adjusted 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Discharge Abstract Database.
- Hospital Readmissions for CCAC: Home Care Database, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Discharge Abstract Database, National Ambulatory Care Reporting System.
- Alternative Level of Care Rate—Acute: Cancer Care Ontario, Wait Time Information System.
Ontario QIP Data: Progress Made in 2016/17

Looking back: Percentage of organizations in Ontario that progressed, maintained or worsened their performance between the 2015/16 QIP and the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the QIP 2016/17 Progress Report.

This graph represents organizations that selected the indicator in their 2015/16 and 2016/17 QIPs, comparing their current performance from both years, as reported in the 2016/17 QIP Progress Report. The numbers represent the original definitions of the indicators only.
Central West LHIN QIP Data: Progress Made in 2016/17

Looking back: Percentage of organizations in Central West LHIN that progressed, maintained or worsened in their performance between the 2015/16 QIP and the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the 2016/17 QIP Progress Report

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<td>7-Day Post-Hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions (n=8)</td>
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<td>Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents (n=18)</td>
<td>55.6%</td>
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Central West LHIN QIP Data: Progress Made in 2016/17

Looking forward: Percentage of organizations in Central West LHIN that set a target to improve, maintain or worsen performance in the 2016/17 QIP on selected integration indicators, as reported in the 2016/17 QIP Workplan

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## Central West LHIN QIP Data: 2016/17 Indicator Selection

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>General Areas of Focus: Integration Indicators</th>
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<td>CW LHIN Average</td>
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<td><strong>Hospital/ Acute Care</strong></td>
<td>i. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure (QBP)</td>
<td>20.11%</td>
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<td>ii. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (QBP)</td>
<td>17.92%</td>
<td>19.60%</td>
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<td>iii. 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rate for Patients with Stroke (QBP)</td>
<td>10.04%</td>
<td>8.67%</td>
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<td>iv. Readmission Within 30 days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Grouper (HIGs)</td>
<td>15.50%</td>
<td>16.19%</td>
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<td>v. Alternate Level of Care Rate – Acute (ALC Rate)</td>
<td>5.30%</td>
<td>13.84%</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Care</strong></td>
<td>i. 7-day Post-hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions</td>
<td>N/A**</td>
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<td>ii. Access to primary care (survey-based)</td>
<td>N/A**</td>
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<td>iii. Hospital Readmission Rate for Primary Care Patient Population</td>
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<td><strong>Community Care Access Centres</strong></td>
<td>i. Hospital Readmissions</td>
<td>17.58%</td>
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<td><strong>Long Term Care</strong></td>
<td>i. ED visits for Ambulatory Care Sensitive conditions</td>
<td>23.70%</td>
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* Indicator selection analysis presented in table includes original definition of the indicators only. The denominator represents the total number of QIPs submitted within LHIN in each sector.

** LHIN and provincial averages not available from external data providers

Note: Interpret data with caution; please refer to Technical Specifications; for instance, the three QBP indicators and the Readmissions HIG indicator are risk-adjusted, while the rest are not risk-adjusted.
MOST COMMON CHANGE IDEAS FROM 2015/16 AND 2016/17
Common Change Ideas

• The following slides show common change ideas at the provincial level; ideas have been categorized by theme.

• Graphs display change ideas by indicator and show:
  – The most common change ideas included in the 2016/17 QIPs (Progress Report), and a look back at progress made in implementing change ideas.
  – The extent to which these change ideas were also included in QIP Workplans.
  – LHIN-specific notes to capture regional change ideas or unique ideas in Workplans.
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 hospital QIPs for 30-Day Readmission Rate,* as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

Create partnerships with other sectors to follow complex patients
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Implemented Ideas: 36
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Unimplemented Ideas: 4

Individualized coordinated care and discharge planning
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Implemented Ideas: 34

Readmission risk assessment linked to post-discharge follow-up
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Implemented Ideas: 15

Primary Care follow-up within 7 days of discharge
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Implemented Ideas: 14

Patient education
- QIP 2016/17 Progress Report — Implemented Ideas: 12

Change Ideas

In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on integrating change ideas such as audit and feedback and creating partnerships with other sectors to follow complex patients (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans). They additionally proposed managing follow up appointments through telehomecare.
In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on integrating change ideas such as CCAC "Home First" philosophy and programs, Health Links or partnerships with primary care, and optimal discharge - use of predictive models (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans). They additionally proposed the use of a "virtual ward" model.
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 primary care QIPs for 7-Day Post-Hospital Discharge Follow-Up Rate for Selected Conditions, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

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<td>Using data for improvement</td>
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<td>Individualized coordinated care and discharge planning with hospitals or Health Links</td>
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<td>Identify hospitalized patients through shared electronic medical record with hospital</td>
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<tr>
<td>Using data for improvement (audit, tracking, visual display of data or dashboards)</td>
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In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on integrating change ideas such as *Creating partnerships with other sectors, electronic solutions such as Hospital Report Manager, using data for improvement* and *Audit and feedback* into their QI efforts (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans).
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 primary care QIPs for Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

- **Increase supply of visits**: 105 organizations (8 implemented)
- **Understand supply and demand**: 104 organizations (8 implemented)
- **Audit and feedback**: 72 organizations (3 implemented)
- **Survey methodology**: 55 organizations
- **Audit and feedback**: 94 organizations
- **Survey sample and/or methodology**: 90 organizations
- **Understand supply and demand**: 83 organizations
- **Increase supply of visits**: 74 organizations

In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on integrating change ideas such as *increasing supply of visits*, and *survey sample and/or methodology* (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans). They additionally proposed *educating patients about same day, next day access.*
Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 primary care QIPs for Readmission Within 30 Days for Selected HBAM Inpatient Groupers, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on developing systems to track clients with HIG diagnosis and hospital readmission within 30 days, and increase physician uptake/buy in to the community paramedicine program.
Rapid Response Nursing program for complex patients

Spreading quality initiatives

Technology like telehomecare and emergency medical service systems

Audit and feedback

Assess post-discharge risk and activate appropriate community follow-up

Refer complex patients to health links or integrated funding models.

Most common change ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 QIPs for Hospital Readmissions for Community Care Access Centres, as reported in the 2016/17 QIPs

Change Ideas

- Assess post-discharge risk and activate appropriate community follow-up: 9
- Use of specialized teams like palliative and outreach teams: 7
- Technology enablers like telehomecare: 5
- Refer complex patients to health links or integrated funding models: 5
- Refer complex patients to health links or integrated funding model: 7
- Assess post-discharge risk and activate appropriate community follow-up: 6
- Audit and feedback: 5
- Technology like telehomecare and emergency medical service systems: 2
- Spreading quality initiatives: 2
- Rapid Response Nursing program for complex patients: 2

Number of Community Care Access Centres

QIP 2016/17 Progress Report—Implemented Ideas

QIP 2016/17 Workplan—Proposed Ideas
Most Common Change Ideas in Ontario from 2015/16 and 2016/17 Long-Term Care QIP for Potentially Avoidable Emergency Department Visits for Long-Term Care Residents, as reported in 2016/17 QIP

In Central West LHIN, organizations are working on integrating change ideas such as staff education, resident/patient education, protocol for clinical feedback, and audit and feedback (based on QIP 2016/17 Workplans). One home will implement the “Prevention of Error Based transfer” Project, in partnership with William Osler Health System, to prevent error based hospital transfers.
Lowest ALC Rate in the Province

William Osler Health System/Headwaters Health/CW CCAC

Achieved the lowest provincial ALC rate* through:

• Collaborative efforts between the CCAC, Headwaters and Osler to coordinate care and transitions believed to be key factor for performance

• Continually streamlining discharge processes and implementing Home First to avoid role duplication. (Implemented an escalation process when discharge was not successful)

• Continuing to support medically complex patients across continuum through Health Links

• Launching a regional pilot program at William Osler Etobicoke Hospital with the CCAC called “Integrated Care Coordinators” pilot project. Project focuses on improving discharge processes for patients with behavioural issues

• Implementing a utilization management system (using a super-user model) with Resource Nurses collecting data to inform discharge decision-making

*Hospital rate 7.63% to 7.28%, Central West LHIN achieved lowest ALC rate in Ontario (5.6% CW LHIN; 14.75% provincial rate)
Reducing Readmissions

Central West CCAC

Accomplishments:
• The hospital readmission rate improved during 2015/16 and exceeded the target

Future Plans:
• In the coming year, CW CCAC Healthinformatics and Patient Care Services will monitor to ensure all identified high-risk patients have the following:
  1. Medication Reconciliation
  2. Completed Care Plan shared with Primary Care
  3. RRN visit w/in 48 hrs
• Planned improvement strategies for 2016/17 include linking patients and CCAC Care Coordinators to Primary Care, and development of programs with our regional partners such as the Hospital To Home (H2H) program, which wraps services directly around patient with goal of reducing readmissions to hospital
Reducing Avoidable ED Visits

Dufferin Area Family Health Team

• Developed and implemented educational materials that were distributed in hospital and in the community clinics to educate patients about after hours care
• Demonstrated a decrease in CTAS 4 an 5 scores of 245 visits from first quarter to fourth quarter of 2015/16

Woodbridge Vista Care Community and the Village of Sandalwood Park

• Both LTC homes will implement:
  – the Prevention of Error Based Transfer Project in order to prevent error-based hospital transfers; and
  – Implement the use of individualized summary completion for all new admissions and residents who have a change in health condition in order to reduce error-based hospital transfers
Reducing Emergency Department (ED) Visits

King Nursing Home
(An example of learning from potential set-backs)

• Although the target was not achieved, it was confirmed with the NP that the ED visits were properly assessed by the Registered Staff and transfers were appropriate.

• A unanticipated number of transfers were related to psychiatric crisis interventions required due to physical assaults of residents and staff.

• The home continues to experience Power of Attorney (POA) insistence of ED transfers.
DISCUSSION
Discussion Points

Based on the LHIN 2016/17 QIP Snapshot Report:

• What are your overall impressions about the quality initiatives underway in your LHIN as reflected in the QIPs?

• Were there any “Aha” moments (positive or negative)?

• Did you observe any gaps or areas for improvement across the LHIN?

• How might this information be useful for your LHIN?

• How does this information tie into the LHIN’s Integrated Health Services Plan and the Regional Quality Table?