

Call for Submissions & Oral Presentations

In June 2010, the Ontario Long Term Care Association commissioned the Conference Board of Canada to investigate the innovation potential of the Ontario residential long term care sector. The resulting report, [Towards an Innovation Strategy for Long-Term Care](#) (January 2011) highlights significant challenges and opportunities within the out-of-hospital continuum of care and recommends the development of a comprehensive strategy to promote:

- **internal innovation** (innovation focused on improving organizational performance)
- **sector-wide innovation** (innovation to exploit inter-firm strengths and enhance collaboration and cooperation across the sector); and
- **system transformation** (innovation to better integrate long term care into the overall health system and develop new services and products for a changing environment).

OLTCA has recruited a group of leaders with wide-ranging expertise to **consult with key stakeholders** on the possible content and priorities for an innovation strategy for the sector; **promote focused and informed strategic discussion** on the future of aging care policy in Ontario, and help **develop a vision** for long term care within an integrated health care system.

The [LTC Innovation Expert Panel](#), co-chaired by Baycrest CEO, Dr William Reichman, and President of the Responsive Health Group and OLTCA Board Member, Bill Dillane, will be meeting on May 26, June 23, July 28, September 20 and October 24 to explore areas ripe for innovation in long term care and aging care, including:

- Service organization and delivery
- Health human resources planning
- Planning, architecture and design
- Devices, Equipment & Technology
- Funding, financing and regulation

Expert Panel meetings will be held at **Baycrest**, 3560 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Time will be set aside at each meeting to hear directly from stakeholder organizations, researchers and subject matter experts, innovators and consumers, caregivers and providers. **If you are interested in making an evidence-informed, solution-oriented submission or presentation to the panel, please complete and submit an Expression of Interest form ([on-line](#) or attached).** Questions? Please contact Paula Neves, Director of Health Planning & Research, OLTCA, pneves@oltca.com 905-470-8995 x40

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long should submissions be?

There is no word limit for written submissions. Oral submissions should be no more than 10 minutes long, plus time for questions. Presenters may use PowerPoint slides or handouts to complement their presentation.

2. What should the submissions cover?

Submissions should:

- a) Document a problem or opportunity related to health human resources; buildings and technology; funding, financing and regulation or the organization and delivery of long-term care within the out-of-hospital continuum.
- b) Explore innovative solutions that could be implemented at the organization, sector or system levels to improve the quality, effectiveness and sustainability of care, services and accommodation for current or future users.
- c) Describe ways to mitigate risks or overcome barriers to implementing these innovations.
- d) Identify recommendations for action in the near term (<3 years), mid term and/or long-term (10 years+).
- e) Include data or other evidence, a list of references and background information on the presenter, author and/or sponsoring organization.

3. Can anyone make a submission?

Written submissions are welcomed from any interested individual or organization within and outside of Ontario. Meeting time is limited; therefore the panel will select oral presentations based on relevance, unique contribution and expertise of the speaker.

4. When is the deadline for making a submission?

The panel will be accepting submissions until October 24th. Those interested in making an oral presentation should contact OLTCa and complete an Expression of Interest form available online. Those invited to present will be notified by phone or email. Handouts, slides or other materials are due one week prior to the presentation.

5. What will the panel do with the submissions?

The submissions will inform the deliberations of the panel and its final report and recommendations due to be presented to the OLTCa board in November 2011. On the recommendation of the panel, and with permission from the author, submissions will also be available online or profiled in *Morning Report* or *Long Term Care Magazine*. Through these mechanisms the panel hopes to generate informed discussion and support for a new innovation strategy for long term care.

Expression of Interest Presentation to LTC Innovation Expert Panel

1. Theme

- Service organization and delivery
- Health human resources planning
- Planning, architecture and design
- Devices, Equipment & Technology
- Funding, financing and regulation

2. Availability

- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- September 20
- October 24

3. About the Presentation

4. About the Presenter (and Sponsoring Organization if applicable)

5. Contact Information

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Company

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