

Hub Partners Updates

Hub Partners are at the heart of the Palliative Care ECHO Project and are critical to the creation and delivery of ECHO programs that will meet the needs of their learners. Through the leadership of these amazing organizations, existing programs and resources can reach more learners and new programs can be rapidly developed, shared, and deployed to fill gaps.

Over the past six months, three new Hub Partners have joined the Project (Médecins Francophone du Canada, Covenant Health, Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians); bringing the total to 10.



Program updates

Over the past six months, Pallium and its Hub Partners have run several high-impact programs including:

Standalone Sessions

Pallium Canada and its Hub Partners have hosted several standalone ECHO sessions, inviting subject matter experts to present on topics relevant to Palliative Care. These sessions include:

Pallium Canada

- Pain Pumps in the Home
- The Platinum Rule: All That Glitters Isn't Gold
- Peaufiner l'art de l'accompagnement des personnes en soins palliatifs et de leurs proche (in French)
- Fin de vie de maladie pulmonaire chronique (in French).

Médecins Francophones du Canada

- **Fin de vie – insuffisance cardiaque (in French)** – shortly after joining the ECHO Project, Médecins Francophones du Canada launched their first accredited session on heart disease at the end-of-life. The session was held in French, and they plan to launch a series of sessions in the new year.

provides ongoing learning opportunities increase connectedness between SIC trainers to network, support, and share resources.

Canadian Association of Long-Term Care (CALTC)

- **Long-Term Care Leadership Series (in French)** – After successfully running this series in English, CALTC has relaunched the series in French to make it accessible for French speakers across Canada. CALTC has seen great uptake and engagement in these sessions.

Canadian Home Care Association

- **Be Prepared: Palliative Emergencies in the Home** – During their first series on pain and symptom management in the home, CHCA identified a strong interest in learning more about Palliative Care emergencies in the home, which led to the launch of this 5-part series. This series was highly attended by health care professionals across Canada, and learners expressed an appreciation for the engaging and relevant content.

Montreal Institute for Palliative Care

- **Community of Practice Series for Home Healthcare Professionals** – Developed in partnership with the Palliative Home-Care Society of Greater Montreal, this bilingual community of practice focuses on providing relevant palliative care knowledge to home health care professionals in Quebec.

North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice Palliative Care Network

- **Evidence-Based Palliative Symptom Assessment and Management Series** – This ongoing series provides health care workers with a comprehensive review of the 8 Cancer Care Ontario Symptom Management Algorithms. Learners have expressed that these learning opportunities provided them with a better understanding and awareness of tools that are available to help provide a higher-quality level of palliative care.

Evaluation and Research

Evaluation Results to Date

An important element of the Palliative Care ECHO Project is the ongoing evaluation of these ECHO programs to ensure we are having the intended reach and impact and are delivering high-quality programs that meet the needs of our target audiences.

Early on in this initiative, Pallium and its Hub Partners started collecting a standardized set of registration data and post-session feedback survey data. These data sets align with the Evaluation and Research Framework that was developed by the Dr. Joshua Shadd–Pallium Canada Research Hub.

We are now in the process of starting to analyze this data. In parallel, work is underway at the Dr. Joshua Shadd–Pallium Canada Research Hub to undertake initial research projects to understand the early outcomes and impacts of the Palliative Care ECHO Project.

Early Observations

- The standalone sessions offered in French have had the highest numbers of both registrants and participants.
- Programs have successfully engaged learners from almost all provinces and territories, with the most uptake in Ontario and Quebec.
- We have also reached learners on an international level.
- The majority of learners are Registered Nurses, Physicians and Nurse Practitioners, with a wide range of additional healthcare professions. These sessions also reach community members and caregivers across the country.
- There is high demand for recordings of these sessions.

Results and Impact

Palliative Care ECHO Project Reach

The Palliative Care ECHO Project has continued to reach health care providers from almost every province and territory across Canada and providers from many different professions and settings of care.

Learner Experience

The ECHO programs continue to be well received by learners. Below are results from the initial post-session feedback surveys:

Question	N*	% agree or strongly agree
This session was relevant to my practice	1523	94.80%
This practice met my learning needs	1492	93%
The overall format of this session was useful	1459	96.20%
The presenters were knowledgeable	1573	98.10%
There was ample opportunity for discussion	1086	78.10%
I would recommend this session to my colleagues	2290	95.70%
Overall, this session was a good learning experience	1537	95.90%

Here's what some of our learners had to say about our ECHO programs over the past year:



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