

Acquired Infections in Long Term Care: Pneumonia (In-service)

Attention: WWLHIN Long Term Care Homes

Background:

The statistical data that the Long Term Care Homes (LTCH) provides to the Nurse Led Outreach Team (NLOT) conveys a baseline trend of higher respiratory illnesses (including Pneumonia) accounting for transfers to Emergency Department (ED) from the months of *January to March 2010* in comparison to other months.

Implementation Plan/Purpose:

In support of the staff in LTC Homes we plan to take the initiative of implementing a concise in-service for front line staff of all disciplines in to respond to the seasonal trends proactively. The planned in-service will be offered to each LTC Home in WWLHIN from the months of January to March 2010. The NLOT will contact each LTC Home regarding this opportunity.

In-service Content: (Two versions PSW-Frontline & Multidiscipline-includes nurses)

- Chain of Infection
- Hand Hygiene (interactive glo-germ demonstration) complimentary to Just Clean Your Hands Program of Ontario
- Pneumonia Protocol – Developed by Alberta Clinical Practice Group

Duration - 30 minutes maximum (*Certificate of attendance will be provided*)

The Power Point Presentations for the in-service along with the Guideline for Diagnosis and Management of Nursing Home Acquired Pneumonia are attached.

Thank you for your dedication in improving the quality of life and care for the residents in Long Term Care Homes in Waterloo Wellington LHIN.

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