

Ideas about how to use OTN to support BSO initiatives

Here are some of the ways your colleagues use OTN. Perhaps this list will spark some new ideas for you.

Clinical Indirect (Health care providers discuss specific patients and develop a plan of care)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care Conferences – BSO mobile team schedules a regular touch point with LTCH BSO staff to review current cases being followed by the team. The review can include new admissions, discharges and ongoing activities or development with resident’s care management.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTCH Medical Director – use PVC to connect into team check-in or care conference from family practice location.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist participates in BSO Mobile Team meetings to review current cases and plan for upcoming clinics/consultation with LTCHs and residents
Clinical Direct (Health care provider and patient)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSO Mobile Team – Follow up appointments with LTCH BSO staff, resident and family to review progress.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTCH Medical Director – Use PVC to connect into family conferences involving family and residents from family practice location
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist appointments through the Regional Psychogeriatric Program for consultation and assessment for residents from LTCH.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge planning from hospital inpatient programs back to LTCHs. Allows the hospital staff to review the care plan for the resident and LTCH staff to ask questions to help in the transition process.
Education – Staff	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation – develop a series of education modules for orientation to LTCH as staff turnover/hiring occurs. Modules to be archived as webcasts at OTN.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSO Core Competencies – The BSO Project Team expressed interest in developing a series of learning modules that highlight the core competencies expected of BSO staff. These modules could be used to orient new staff at all levels of regional BSO participants. Webcasts will be created for on-demand access to the modules.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baycrest Rounds and Education Series – offered by videoconference – The BSO Project Team Program Support Analyst will be posting event details in the Healthchat forum on thehealthline.ca as they come available. Webcasts of some Baycrest Education events are archived at OTN and can be used for personal education or in-services with other staff.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Bursts – short 15-30 minute education events on topics identified by the LTCH BSO teams. The LTCHs could invite other staff. Facilitators may include the Alzheimer Society staff. • In Elgin they piloted two Bursts, one was a demonstration of the Hand Under Hand technique learned at a recent workshop and the other was an “Ask the Doctor” event with a psychiatrist who supports the Mobile Team.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was interested in using OTN to broadcast guest speakers to many different OTN sites. (e.g. driving and dementia, new research findings, new tools)

Education & Support - Residents and Families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SW Alzheimer Societies are developing a Caregiver Support series for Frontotemporal Dementia as it is often difficult to find a critical mass of caregivers in one area to conduct the series locally and enable the benefits of sharing experiences.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford Alzheimer Society is planning to use OTN for First Link Learning Series (Care in the later stages of dementia – how families can work with LTCHs)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Alzheimer Societies are interested in offering caregiver support sessions to family members when they are visiting LTCH residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was interest in looking at collaborative opportunities to offer physical activity and recreation programs for residents and families from one location to several LTCHs.

Meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Team Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric Cooperatives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networks and Planning Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Alzheimer Society Data Working Group ○ EPRC Regional Meetings ○ Mobile Team Meetings