

POSTER #17 - Evaluation of a Novel Structured Continence Care Program in a Long-Term Care Facility

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DESCRIPTION:

A novel continence care program was introduced to achieve the provincial funding target of \$1.40/resident/day while providing quality care to residents. New staffing roles dedicated to continence care management were instated in 2008. A family of measures was introduced which incorporated costs documented on a weekly basis and results of quarterly audits completed to assess residents' needs, suitable products, and skin integrity. The median cost/resident/day decreased from \$1.38 to \$1.22 within the first year and has been sustained over the past 7 years. The 11.6% decrease in costs/resident/day amounts to annual cost savings of \$20,440. A similar comprehensive program may be beneficial to other facilities struggling to maintain costs.