

POSTER #34 - Impacts of Residents First, Public Reporting and Long-Term Care Homes Act on Restraint and Antipsychotic Use in Ontario Long-Term Care Homes

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DESCRIPTION:

The Long-Term Care Homes Act (LTCHA) was enacted on July 1, 2010. Health Quality Ontario (HQP) also began an initiative called Residents First and created a website to publicly report on quality indicators. We examined the effect of the LTCHA, Residents First and Public Reporting programs on restraint use, which was one of the focuses of two of these programs. We also consider the use of antipsychotic medications as a potential unintended consequence. We found that Public Reporting and Residents First were associated with significantly lower restraint use. The LTCHA was found to be positively associated with both restraint and antipsychotic use.