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Evidence Update: Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation for the Treatment of Aortic Valve Stenosis

Often, patients have surgery to replace a heart valve that has narrowed (called aortic valve stenosis), but surgery is too risky for some. In 2012, Health Quality Ontario (HQO) published a systematic review and economic analysis on a less invasive treatment option called transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI). Since those reports were published, further evidence on TAVI has been published and the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee (OHTAC) requested that HQO produce an Evidence Update.

The new research did not result in changes to OHTAC's 2012 recommendations on the use of TAVI for the treatment of aortic valve stenosis. [Click here](#) to access the evidence update and recommendations.

Open for Comment: Pressure Ulcer Multi-disciplinary Teams via Telemedicine (PUMTT): A Pragmatic Randomised Controlled Trial in Long-Term Care

At OHTAC's request, the Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment (THETA) Collaborative conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of expert multidisciplinary teams vs. "usual" care teams for the treatment of pressure ulcers in long-term care facilities.

The study concluded that having an expert multidisciplinary team did not improve the healing rate of pressure ulcers in long-term care facilities. The draft [report and OHTAC recommendations](#) are posted for public comment until June 13, 2013.

Sharing HQO's Evidence-Based Work

HQO's Evidence Development and Standards (EDS) team members have been actively sharing their work at provincial, national and international conferences. They participated in panels and delivered presentations, posters and workshops at the 2013 Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health ([CADTH](#)) [Symposium](#) on May 5-7 in St. John's, Newfoundland and at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research ([ISPOR](#)) [18th Annual International Meeting](#) on May 18 - 22 in New Orleans, Louisiana. EDS staff presented HQO's work on evidence and episodes of care to inform quality-based procedures at an Ontario Hospital Association Conference and at a meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities - both held on May 14 in Toronto. [Click here](#) for a complete list of presentations in May.