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Clinical Handbooks Support Implementation of Quality-Based Procedures (QBP)

As part of its work to support the government's implementation of QBPs, Health Quality Ontario (HQO) has been engaging clinical experts across the province to provide evidence about episodes of care for several health conditions, including congestive heart failure, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and hip fractures. Working with its expert panels, HQO's Evidence Development and Standards branch (EDS) has produced clinical handbooks that define the evidence, clinical consensus and provincial standards associated with these QBPs. This work is available on [HQO's website](#) and is being shared broadly at briefings and conferences.

Upcoming Events

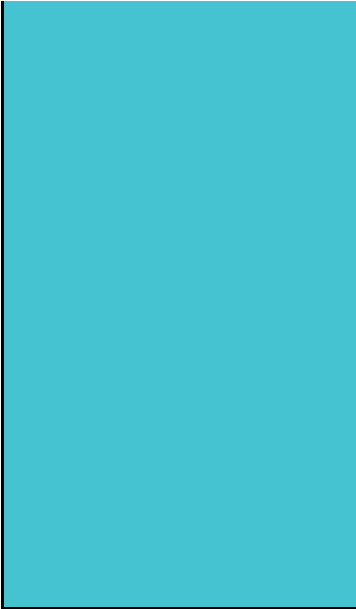
- HQO is pleased to partner with the Ontario Hospital Association and Longwoods to present Quality Based Procedures: Key Practice Changes and Clinical Implementation Considerations for Stroke. This complimentary webcast will be held on September 17, 2013 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to register.
- Erik Hellsten, HQO's Quality-Based Funding Specialist, is presenting Harnessing Clinician Input to Shape a Case Mix Funding System for Hip Fracture at the 29th annual Patient Classification Systems International Conference in Hellsinki, Finland on September 20, 2013. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Groundbreaking Analysis Provides Insight into Managing Chronic Diseases in the Community

HQO's mega-analysis on Optimizing Chronic Disease Management in the Community (Outpatient) Setting (OCDM) and recommendations by the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee (OHTAC) are now published in the [Ontario Health Technology Assessment Series](#). This is the first attempt by any jurisdiction to develop a broad-based evidentiary platform to support a comprehensive approach to community-based health care services.

Study Compares Effectiveness of Two Procedures for Treating Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

The Programs for Assessment of Health Technology (PATH) Research Institute, one of HQO's scientific collaborators, has completed a field evaluation study that compares photoselective vaporization and transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) for the treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms caused by a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland. The study compares



the effectiveness, safety, cost-effectiveness and budgetary impact of the two procedures. [Click here](#) to access the final report and OHTAC recommendations.

Seminar Puts the Spotlight on Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Long-Term Care

The Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment (THETA) Collaborative is hosting a seminar to share results from its study on Pressure Ulcer Multi-disciplinary Teams via Telemedicine. This project was developed by THETA with the support of HQO, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and Community Care Access Centres. The complimentary session takes place on October 7, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the University of Toronto. Contact valeria.rac@theta.utoronto.ca or josephine.wong@theta.utoronto.ca to attend in person or joanna.bielecki@theta.utoronto.ca to register for the webinar. [Click here](#) for program details.