



**Pioneer Ridge LTC-BPSO Candidate
2015-18**



Best Practice Spotlight Organizations (or BPSOs) are health-care and academic organizations selected by the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) to implement and evaluate the RNAO's best practice guidelines.

RNAO is a highly recognized organization that promotes evidence-based clinical practices through the development of Best Practice Guidelines which are used worldwide. Part of its mandate is the BPSO program which originated in Ontario, now consisting of 92 Best Practice Spotlight Organizations worldwide; including Spain, Australia, Chile, Colombia, South Africa, United States, and China.

Pioneer Ridge began its quality improvement journey in 2012 through the implementation of various initiatives; including the integration of evidence-based practices into nursing practices by embedding them into our clinical programs, policies and procedures.

With its goal to continue expand on its quality improvement journey, Pioneer Ridge sought the opportunity to partner with RNAO in the LTC-BPSO program by submitting a proposal to become a Best Practice Spotlight Organization candidate in December 2014. Pioneer Ridge was a successful candidate, commencing its candidacy in April 2015. In this partnership with RNAO, Pioneer Ridge will continue to promote quality resident care by integrating evidence-based practices.

During the candidacy period of 3 years (2015-2018), Pioneer Ridge will be implementing the following RNAO Best Practice Guidelines:

- ❖ Preventing and Addressing Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults
- ❖ Supporting and Strengthening Families through Expected and Unexpected Life Events
- ❖ Oral Health: Nursing Assessment and Interventions

A quality improvement journey is a life-long journey. Our overall goal is to provide quality resident and family centered care that is evidence-based and promotes good resident, nursing and organizational outcomes.

For more information about RNAO or the BPSO program, visit RNAO's website at RNAO.CA

For more information about Pioneer Ridge's BPSO journey, please email our Best Practice Clinician, Liane Heebner at lheebner@thunderbay.ca

