



PIONEER RIDGE – A LONG TERM CARE BEST PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION

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. The RNAO is a highly recognized organization that promotes evidence-based clinical practices through the development of Best Practice Guidelines which are used worldwide.

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 the goal of continuing to expand our quality improvement journey, the home sought the opportunity to partner with RNAO in the LTC-BPSO program. Pioneer Ridge was a successful candidate, commencing its candidacy in April 2015. In April 2018, we proudly received the Best Practice Spotlight Organization designation from the RNAO.

As a BPSO, we continue to implement RNAO’s best practice guidelines, share our learnings and experiences with other LTC homes and seek continued opportunities for improvement which result in better outcomes for our residents.

We are currently working on implementing the Assessment and Management of Pressure Injuries for the Interprofessional Team, in an effort to improve our policies, practices and resident outcomes surrounding skin and wound care. We continue to work on our End of Life care and 3D’s BPG’s as well!

To date, Pioneer Ridge has implemented 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
- ❖ End of Life Care During the Last Days and Hours
- ❖ Delirium, Dementia and Depression in Older Adults

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 contact our Best Practice Clinician/BPSO Lead at 807-684-3928

