The goal of the Medication Safety Community of Practice (CoP) is to improve medication safety within Ontario Long Term Care Homes (LTCs). The focus of the CoP is on improving medication safety within LTCs. Change Packages or Road Maps will be developed in three areas:

- Medication Reconciliation at Care Transitions
- Medication Reconciliation Appropriateness and
- Adverse Drug Events

This Community of Practice is a partnership between the Residents First initiative, lead by Health Quality Ontario, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) and the Quality Healthcare Network.

### MEDICATION SAFETY – WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Improve our medication systems to reduce error and potential for harm
- Canadian Adverse Event Study (2004) found that 7.5% of hospital admissions had an adverse event and that 37% of these adverse events were preventable. (Baker, Norton, et al)
- Incomplete or inaccurate medication information is a critical issue reflected in a growing number of LTC studies.
- A 2004 study by Boockvar found that 20% of Adverse Drug Events occurred in Long Term Care Homes during transfer between care facilities.

### MEDICATION RECONCILIATION

**Key Change Ideas – Have you put these ideas into practice within your LTC Home?**

- Create one best possible medication history (BPHM)
- Use the ISMP Canada BPMH Interview Guide
- Develop & use one form for BPMH, Medication Reconciliation and Admission Medication Orders
- Complete reconciliation of medications at admission, transfer and discharge
- Standardize the medication reconciliation process
- Partner with community pharmacies

### COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

**October 20, 2011**
- Medication Safety Part 2 – Vulnerabilities in the Medication Use
- Process and Strategies to Enhance Medication Safety
- Lynn Riley, Medication Safety Consultant, ISMP Canada

**November 17, 2011**
- How MedsCheck Can Improve Medication Management in Long Term Care Homes
  - Elaine Maloney, Senior Program Analyst, Ontario Public Drug Programs, Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
  - Denis O’Donnell, Director Clinical Services, Medical Pharmacies Group Limited
  - Margaret Colpichou, Co-Lead Medication Reconciliation Canada, Project Leader, ISMP Canada

### FUTURE PLANS

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