



## **Honouring Home Care Nurses**

May 8, 2017 – Home Care Ontario extends best wishes to all nurses in Ontario during Nurses’ Week celebrations. Special recognition is offered to those nurses practicing within the home care sector.

Home care nursing includes registered nurses, registered practical nurses and nurse practitioners and is a specialized area of practice in which the nurse provides care in the person’s home, school, workplace or other community setting. In the home setting, the nurse brings caring activities that generate trust and collaboration for both the care of the patient and the maintenance of health of the family members. The nurse must work with and rely on the other members of the health care team while operating in a decentralized environment.

Home care nursing practice is complex, requiring independent decision-making and a diverse knowledge base. Frontline home care nurses practice independently applying general knowledge coupled with specialty expertise in the art and science of nursing practice. The frontline home care nurse role requires advanced assessment and evaluation skills, effective communication skills, sound judgement, effective documentation skills, flexibility, critical /creative thinking and self-direction. This is achieved through years of experience and learning.

On behalf of the thousands of Ontarians receiving home care daily, Home Care Ontario pays tribute to and thanks every nurse for dedication and commitment to their patients and to their chosen profession.

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### **About Home Care Ontario**

Home Care Ontario, the voice of home care in Ontario™, is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, service provider organizations are responsible for providing nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.

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