

Home Care Ontario & the Ontario Physiotherapy Association collaborate on paper

June 27, 2016 – Home Care Ontario and the Ontario Physiotherapy Association have released a joint paper to support the successful implementation of the physiotherapist assistant (PTA) role in home care. The resource is intended to help providers to better navigate the professional accountabilities and expectations for the appropriate integration of PTAs in the delivery of home care physiotherapy services, and to help explain the relationship between PTAs and PTs to patients and system planners.

“This has been an important and effective collaboration between the Associations”, said Sue VanderBent, CEO of Home Care Ontario. “We were pleased to have engaged our Association’s Therapy and Rehabilitation Practice Council in order to draw on the current experience from across the province.”

“The Ontario Physiotherapy Association was pleased to work with Home Care Ontario in developing these important recommendations to promote best practices and full adherence to the professional standards in the integration of PTAs in this sector”, said Dorianne Sauvé, CEO Ontario Physiotherapy Association. “It was a pleasure to work closely with Home Care Ontario and we hope that this resource is useful as providers and planners seek to ensure quality care and best use of resources on behalf of all Ontarians.”

Home Care Ontario will continue to work closely with government and health care partners to provide the unique perspective of the day-to-day care provided in the home, at school and in some cases, at work. Together we will work to establish an effective home care system.

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About Ontario Physiotherapy Association

The Ontario Physiotherapy Association (OPA), a branch of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association, is a dynamic health care professional organization which represents over 5600 member physiotherapists, physiotherapist assistants and students working and living in Ontario. OPA is committed to leadership in physiotherapy through the provision of advocacy, professional development and career support services for its members in order to provide quality physiotherapy to Ontarians. The Association gives the profession a united and strong professional voice to government, insurance companies, other health care professions, patient advocacy groups and the public.

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, Home Care Providers are responsible for delivering 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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