

Transitions and Care Planning in the Patients Medical Home

Background: ADAPT and one:carepath are leading a coordinated approach to integrate, spread, and scale current disease-specific pathways work into a **disease-inclusive approach to be used in primary care**. Through combined engagement, primary care providers will participate in co-development activities to inform content, processes, and tool development for ADAPT and one:carepath. This work will focus on optimizing care for Albertans with five chronic diseases: **heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cirrhosis, end-stage kidney disease, and stage 3/4 cancers**.

The Initiatives:

Working towards the same key outcomes, these initiatives focus on discrete aspects of the patients' journey through the health system

ADAPT focuses on **optimizing transitions from hospital to home**. ADAPT will implement 3 of 6 elements of the Home to Hospital to Home Transitions Guideline (admit notification, transition planning, and primary care follow-up). Implementation will be tested in five acute care sites and associated Primary Care Network (PCN) clinics across the province. **\$1.2 million in funding** will provide support for current state analysis; change management; development of local leaders/champions; evaluation; implementation science; and facilitation between acute, primary care and other key stakeholders.

one:carepath focuses on enhanced support for patients with **advanced stage diseases within their medical home**. one:carepath will implement standardized processes and tools to support ongoing care planning through an interactive digital decision support tool for healthcare providers & patients/family caregivers. Elements will include risk stratification, disease and symptom management guidelines, crisis planning, decision aids, and shared care plans. one:carepath will identify and transition patients to more palliative approaches to care as appropriate. Implementation will target **350 physicians** aligned with participating PCNs. **\$4.8M of funding** will provide supports as above for ADAPT. Over **\$2 million will go directly to primary care** to fund co-development and implementation activities.

Co-Development Opportunities

Post discharge process in primary care: Determine what constitutes a successful follow-up visit in primary care after patients' transition from hospital.

Integration of foundational and disease-specific components into ADAPT: Iterative, consensus building workshops to provide input on admit notification, transition planning, and follow-up to primary care processes.

To participate in these transitions planning activities contact pamela.sterling@ahs.ca

Shared-care planning: Determine content requirements and information needs of primary care for ongoing patient centered shared-care planning and documentation.

Interactive digital decision support tool: Provide input on the one:carepath interactive healthcare provider Web Platform (e.g., content, navigation, clinic process integration).

To participate in the care planning or the digital decision support tool activities, contact kirby.scott@ahs.ca

Time Commitment & Compensation

For each co-development opportunity, the time commitment may be a **1-hour** interviews and/or a **2-hour** consensus building workshop (both virtual). We will compensate participating primary care physicians at an hourly rate of \$189.

Please consider sharing your time and experience to help improve transitions and the care of Albertans with chronic diseases in their Medical Home.

