Operationalizing Person Centre Care
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Context

• Shift from provider centred model of care delivery to one that puts the client in the centre of healthcare
• Improve client and family experience
• Improve the association between staff and client care
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- According to Brownie and Nancarro (2013) in their article entitled *Effects of Person Centred Care on residents and staff in age-care facilities: a systematic review*

- Search revealed: 323 potentially relevant articles, one RCT, majority are quasi experimental pre post test design, with a control group (n=4)
Person Centred Care: Systematic Review

• Range of different outcome measures (dependent variables) to evaluate the impact of PCC interventions on aged care residents and staff

• One intervention the *Eden Alternative* was associated with significant improvements in residents levels of boredom and helplessness
• Facility specific PCC interventions were found to impact nurses sense of job satisfaction and their capacity to meet the individual needs of residents in a positive way

• Two studies found that PCC was associated with an increase of falls
The authors note that findings from their review need to be interpreted cautiously due to limitations in study design and potential for confounding bias.
Definition Person Centred Care

- Person-centred care sees people receiving care as equal partners in planning, developing and assessing care to make sure it is most appropriate for their needs. It involves putting clients/residents and their families at the heart of all decisions.

- (Adapted from The Health Foundation http://www.health.org.uk/areas-of-work/topics/person-centred-care/)
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<td>• Client/resident is a partner in treatment/care plan and their own expertise respected</td>
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Source: Saint Elizabeth Health Care, 2013
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Medical Model
• Health care provider is the decision-maker
• Disease-centered

Person Centred Care
• Provider collaborates with client/resident and families in making decisions
• Quality-of-life-centered; helping people gain personal satisfaction in their lives
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<td>• Provider does most of the talking</td>
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<td>• Provider training is solely based on medical knowledge or job descriptions that are limiting and create work silos</td>
<td>• Staff are cross-trained and learn to care for the whole individual, who also has social, spiritual and other personal needs.</td>
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Dimensions of Person Centre Care

- According to the National Research Corporation (NRC), the 8 dimensions of PCC are:
  - Persons Preferences
  - Emotional Support
  - Physical Comfort
  - Information and Education
  - Continuity and Transition
  - Access to Care
  - Family and Friends
Challenges, Misconceptions, and Balancing Opportunities

Challenges:

• Standardized Definition
• Standardized Metrics
• Transforming the way we do our work
• Shifting paradigms
• Care Delivery Systems, Business models
• Roles
A few thoughts on Misconceptions:

• PCC “takes too much time” and resources

• Can we meet the expectations of clients/families given the number of constraints- staffing, time, funding

• Staffing models don’t lend easily to a change in culture from bio medical model to PCC
Opportunities:

- New Continuing Care Health Services Standards
- Accreditation Canada
- Knowledge Exchange and activities to share implementation, guidance related to PCC education
PCC interventions are multifactorial but research suggests the following factors influence positive outcomes on PCC in LTC:

- Environmental enhancements for social stimulation and interaction
- Leadership and management development on PCC
- Staffing models focused on staff empowerment—i.e., education that enable to achieve the best possible care outcomes