# Emotional 🐼 Intelligence Learning Program

## **Emotional Intelligence and Patient-Centred Care**

Emotional Intelligence (EI) is essential in recognizing, understanding and responding to patients' and caregivers' experiences through the care journey. Patients and their caregivers deal with many emotional cycles of change that impact what they think (head), how they feel (heart) and what they do (hands). Health care providers with high EI recognize how emotions impact experiences and use their skills to build trust, show empathy, communicate clearly, adapt to new situations and deliver exceptional patient-and family-centred care.



Emotional Intelligence (EI) is the ability to perceive, manage and express one's emotions and to recognize and react appropriately to the emotions of others.



### Health care providers can use EI skills in several ways



TEAMWORK Collaborating with members of the care team



CARE CONVERSATIONS Showing empathy through mindful listening



MANAGING STRESS Being flexible and open to change



COMMUNICATION Adapting to different communication styles

5 key El competencies all health care providers should have



DECISION-MAKING Recognizing biases and impact of emotions

#### Using El results in better patient care

- 🕼 Strong, trusting relationships
- M Increased empathy
- Migher quality of care
- Enhanced patient-centred care
- M Improved patient satisfaction
- 🗹 Better communication



Self-Awareness:

Being aware of your emotions and how they impact thoughts and actions

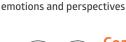


#### Flexibility:

Striving to improve, adapt to change and accommodate others



Knowing how emotions impact decisions and interactions with others



Understanding others'

**Empathy:** 

#### **Coaching:**

Empowering and fostering action and recognizing emotional conflict

## Build your El skills through the CHCA's El Learning Program

The CHCA EI Education Program includes a series of learning modules with information, tools and case studies. Choose from the full self-directed modules (30-45 minutes) or new microlearning modules (10-15 minutes). Learn how to use your emotional intelligence in delivering high quality patient- and family-centred care.

Learn more about our exciting program to empower and support patients and caregivers <u>cdnhomecare.ca/partners-in-restorative-care</u>





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