



14 Organizations Embark on a Groundbreaking Journey in Home-Based Palliative Care with the Launch of the eiCOMPASS SPRINT Collaborative

September 28, 2023 (Mississauga, ON) – Today marks the commencement of the transformative eiCOMPASS SPRINT Collaborative, a pioneering initiative aimed at improving home-based palliative care across Canada. This ambitious venture brings together 14 leading healthcare organizations from across the country, embarking on a 9-month journey to enhance the competencies and emotional intelligence of nurses and personal support workers in home-based palliative care.

The SPRINT Collaborative, under the guidance of the Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA), leverages the Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework to set new standards in patient-centered care. By focusing on the critical triad of skills, knowledge, and attitude, the initiative seeks to ensure that care provision is not just skilled, but also compassionate and emotionally intelligent.

“Education is one of the CHCA’s foremost commitments, and the launch of the eiCOMPASS Project is a clear testament to this dedication,” stated Vikas Sethi, CHCA Board Chair. “Our collective endeavor is to ensure providers have the clinical knowledge and emotional intelligence skills so vital in palliative care.”

The SPRINT Collaborative was officially launched with a dynamic two-day on-boarding forum held on September 27 & 28. This event provided 45 participants with essential skills and knowledge to lead successful initiatives. The SPRINT Road Map outlines a bold strategy where teams will identify and address key palliative care domains, articulate aim statements, track progress through measurable outcomes, and spread and scale training interventions. This structured approach ensures a comprehensive and impactful journey towards improving palliative care across Canada.

“[Being part of the SPRINT Collaborative] will bring tremendous value with the tools and resources that we can use to build and utilize in our daily practice,” commented Jennifer Radloff, Clinical Integration Manager Palliative Homecare, Saskatchewan Health Authority, SPRINT Participant.

We invite stakeholders to follow the progress of the eiCOMPASS SPRINT Collaborative as these dedicated teams work towards transforming the landscape of home-based palliative care in Canada. For more information on the SPRINT Collaborative and its milestones, please visit the CHCA Website.

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About the Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA)

The CHCA is a national not-for-profit membership association representing home and community care stakeholders from governments, health authorities, administrators and providers. Through Carers Canada, a priority program of the CHCA, we work to increase recognition and support for caregivers and vital partners in care.

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