



SENIORS QUALITY LEAP INITIATIVE

History

The Seniors Quality Leap Initiative (SQLI) was established by North America's leading Long Term Care organizations in 2010 out of their collective desire improve clinical quality and safety for seniors.

Mission

To enhance the quality of life and quality of care for seniors by utilizing a structured approach to quality and performance improvement and disseminating recommendations to the broader post-acute and long-term care sector.

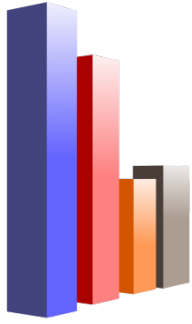
Vision

To become North America's leading post-acute and long-term care provider consortium for benchmarking clinical quality standards that reflect advancing innovative change ideas to raise the bar for excellence throughout our industry.

Strategic Directions

1. Exchange and benchmark performance data as it relates to quality of care and quality of life for seniors.
2. Test, design, and adopt a collaboratively derived approach for performance improvement.
3. Identify and undertake initiatives designed to make improvements in quality of care and quality of life for seniors using evidence-based practices.
4. Broadly disseminate SQLI consensus-based recommendations for improvement across the post-acute and long term care sector.
5. Support a culture of innovation that consistently seeks to identify, test, evaluate and develop innovative solutions that have the potential for significant healthcare and economic impact through partnership with the Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation (CABHI).





Performance Reports

Using the interRAI Minimum Data Set, SQLI organizations receive quarterly reports on their performance on a number of quality of care and quality of life indicators. Performance reports include organizational performance over time as well as US reference benchmarks. SQLI members also benchmark their performance on resident quality of life using the interRAI Quality of Life Survey.



MEMBERSHIP MAP



Strategic, Academic and Innovation Partners

1. Accreditation Canada
2. AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-term Care Medicine
3. Canadian Association for Long Term Care
4. Canadian Institute for Health Information
5. Canadian Society for Long-Term Care Medicine
6. Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation
7. Florida State University
8. Healthcare Excellence Canada
9. Leading Age
10. Marcus Institute for Aging Research
11. New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes
12. Ontario Centres for Learning Research & Innovation
13. University of Waterloo

Member Organizations

1. Actionmarguerite, Winnipeg, MB
2. Baycrest Health Sciences, Toronto, ON
3. Bruyère, Ottawa, ON
4. Hebrew SeniorLife, Boston, MA
5. Highlands House, Cape Town, South Africa
6. Luther Court Society, Victoria, British Columbia
7. Perley Health, Ottawa, ON
8. Presbyterian Senior Living, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and Delaware
9. Providence Health Care, Vancouver, BC, Toronto, ON
10. San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living, San Francisco, CA
11. Schlegel Villages, Ontario
12. Shannex Incorporated, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario
13. Sienna Senior Living, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario
14. The Brenda Strafford Foundation, Calgary, Alberta
15. Westminster Communities of Florida, Florida
16. York Care Centre, Fredericton, NB



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Projects Underway

Using evidence informed practice, each participating organization develops an improvement plan and collects and reports on associated measures to monitor performance. Currently, SQLI member organizations are engaged in the following initiatives:

- [Improving Pain Management \(2015/2016\)](#)
- [Appropriate Use of Antipsychotics \(2019\)](#)
- Improving Resident Quality of Life (2019-current)
- Application of the interRAI Family Survey on Nursing Home Quality of Life (2021-current)
- Long Term Care (current)
- Understanding how the drivers of staff engagement impact quality of care and quality of life (current)
- Understanding structural variables that may impact clinical outcomes and quality of life (current)
- Development of quality of life composite score for residents living in Long Term Care (current)

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