

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – JUNE 2019

SWAHN STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH



SWAHN's strategic plan has been refreshed for 2019-2024. The Network's core strategies remain the same, which include advancing Interprofessional collaboration, championing knowledge generation and translation, and creating opportunities for networking and engagement. Project Team goals for 2019/20 are highlighted in addition to potential initiatives for future consideration as capacity permits. A copy of the document can be found on the Resources page of SWAHN's website [here](#).

DR. ROBIN WALKER'S RETIREMENT – June 2019



Upon beginning his role as Integrated Vice President, Medical Affairs and Medical Education for London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London in 2011, Dr. Robin Walker worked to advance SWAHN, becoming its first operational co-lead with Dr. Margaret Steele and later serving with Dr. Doug Jones and presently with Dr. Davy Cheng. Over the years, Dr. Walker has fostered the development, growth, and connectivity of the Network as a committed ambassador – including connecting SWAHN to an Academic Health Sciences Network in the United Kingdom which is partnered with his alma mater, the University of Manchester. He has enthusiastically recruited new volunteers and regularly presents to SWAHN's partners, stakeholders, and other interest parties. Dr. Walker has played a vital role in SWAHN's growth and success, and his contributions to this Network have given it continuity, strength, and direction through the years. SWAHN wishes Dr. Walker all the best in his retirement! A new operational co-lead for SWAHN will be announced this summer.

2019 SWAHN CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!



Thursday, October 17, 2019 – This year's SWAHN conference will focus on wellness as the topic relates to learners, academics, and clinicians. The event will be held at Parkwood Institute (London). More details with respect to the agenda and online registration will be released later this summer.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (IPE) DAY – SAVE THE DATE!



IPE Day 2020 – The planning committee will begin its efforts this summer to design the next annual event, scheduled for **Monday, March 9, 2020** based on recommendations gathered via student and facilitator surveys from 2019.

PALLIATIVE CARE



SWAHN palliative care curriculum research – SWAHN's Palliative Care Project Team continues its focus on entry-to-practice education for nursing and practical nursing students. Focus groups have been conducted with faculty at two institutions to date: Western University and Fanshawe College.

CHOOSING WISELY

The Opioid Stewardship Council's project under Dr. Brian Rotenberg's lead was highlighted in Research Canada's *RC Update* publication for Parliamentarians. The full article can be found [here](#).

The Opioid Stewardship Council launched its opioid reduction project in February 2019 across the South West LHIN region. Analysis of the early results will begin in August 2019. This data will then be used to

inform the development of an integrated knowledge translation (iKT) plan for funding consideration in the fall. In the meantime, a Community of Practice is under development to gather project champions from across the SWAHN region who are customizing the implementation of the opioid reduction project in their respective institutions.

NUTRITION

The following nutrition research projects are currently underway:



- A retrospective study: *Perioperative Malnutrition and Frailty in Older Adults Undergoing Elective Surgery*
- A prospective study: *Perioperative Nutrition & Frailty in Seniors Scheduled for Elective Surgery: Dietetic Consultation in the Community*
- Hip fracture study: *Evaluating the Impact of a Dedicated Geriatric Hip Unit at London Health Sciences Centre*

The Nutrition Research Team is currently refining its research protocol for the prospective study and seeking to expanding its reach beyond the Thamesview Family Health Team (located in Chatham) to other community health organizations. The team is also awaiting news regarding its success in attracting funding through its submissions to granting agencies this past spring.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



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Antimicrobial Stewardship in Primary Care Continuing Education Program, University of Waterloo – Offered by the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo, “this series of multimedia modules, directed at community-based practitioners, provides current information about the consequences of the use of antimicrobial agents, general principles for antimicrobial stewardship in primary care, as well as strategies to optimize antimicrobial use in a variety of common clinical scenarios.” For more information and to register, click [here](#).



St. Joseph's Health Care London (SJHC) was recently recognized by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and HealthCareCAN for implementing a program to ensure that supports are provided for patients which better “identify, address, and eliminate suicide risk.” Led by Dr. Sandra Northcott, the development of the *Zero Suicide* model at SJHC was guided by patient and family feedback as well as best practices, including training and resources for staff to assist in improving their communication with patients to better manage suicide ideation. For more information, please visit the SJHC website [here](#).

FINAL THOUGHTS

www.swahn.ca – Is your organization involved with SWAHN? If so, is the SWAHN logo and website address currently featured on your organization's website? Help us build awareness of our work together! Please contact Catherine Joyes for SWAHN's logo (catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca).

www.swahn.ca/event – Don't forget to post your organization's events on SWAHN's events page. The Healthline.ca vets all submissions for inclusion on the SWAHN website as well as for posting to the regional Healthline sites as appropriate in the South West and Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network areas. Please contact Catherine Joyes for more information (catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca).

CONTACT US – Your questions and comments regarding SWAHN are welcomed. Please feel free to contact us for more information, to share ideas, or to learn about how you may participate in SWAHN's work!

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