Building Primary-Level Palliative Care Capacity Across Canada:

Pallium Canada’s LEAP Courses, Products and Infrastructure.

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Pallium Canada

Pallium Canada is a pan-Canadian, non-profit organization.

Mission: To build primary-level palliative care capacity through education, quality improvement and compassionate communities.

Represents a large community of practice (educators, clinicians, administrators, leaders) across Canada.

Governed by a Board of Directors that includes business, community, legal and clinical leaders.

Has an interprofessional National Advisory Committee that includes clinicians, educators, leaders and family members.

Since its inception in 2001, has been funded mainly by Health Canada (Government of Canada) grants. No industry funding.

LEAP course objectives

- Enhance the palliative care approach skills of family physicians, other specialist physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other health care professionals;
- Introduce learners to local palliative care resources;
- Promote interprofessional learning and collaboration;
- Disseminate local, provincial and national resources (e.g. Advance Care Planning toolkits);
- Catalyze Quality Improvement related to palliative care;
- Serve as a knowledge translation and diffusion vehicle.

LEAP dissemination

- LEAP Scale up
- Certified LEAP facilitators: March 2016
- Total of 204 courses delivered across Canada over 1 year
- Pre-Course, Post-Course
- 4-6 months Post-Course
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LEAP support products

- Pallium Portal
- Pallium Facilitator Program
- Pallium Palliative Pocketbook
- Pallium APP
- Pallium Videos

LEAP evaluation framework

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Next steps: Research

- Analyze the impact of the course on learner knowledge, attitudes, skills (data of over 9000 course participants).
- Analyze the Commitments to Change post vs 4-month post.
- Assess impact of courses on health care system by analyzing administrative databases (e.g. impact of LEAP Paramedics in Nova Scotia and PEI, LEAP Core training of 5 family health teams in Ontario, LEAP LTC training on 3 LTC facilities).

LEAP scalability model

- Courses organized locally by local organizations.
- Courses facilitated by local LEAP Facilitators (access to Facilitators Pool).
- Cost recovery for local organizations.
- LEAP support products.
- Strategic partnerships (e.g. Cancer Care Ontario, Ontario Renal Network, Nova Scotia Paramedic Services, BC Palliative Care Secretariat).

LEAP highlights

- The College of Family Physicians of Canada’s Continuing Professional Development Award for 2016.
Number of LEAP Courses delivered

- **2003-2005**: 43 courses
- **2006-2013**: 43 courses
- **2014-2015**: 43 courses
- **2015-2016**: 205 courses

Pallium Portal introduced in 2014

Courses delivered across Canada but no tracking mechanism
Number of LEAP Participants

- 2003-2005: 785 participants
- 2006-2013: 897 participants
- 2014-2015: 7,867 participants
- 2015-2016: 7,867 participants

Courses delivered across Canada but no tracking mechanism started in 2014.

Pallium Portal introduced in 2014.