

## Design and Dementia Knowledge to Action Study

The Design & Dementia Wayfinding initiative is the current subject of a research project entitled the *Knowledge to Action Processes in SHKN/AKE Communities of Practice project*, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The objective of the research is to improve our understanding of the knowledge-to-action processes that are mobilized through communities of practice (CoPs). The term knowledge-to-action (or KTA) refers to the movement of research and experience-based knowledge between organizations or groups, and the application of that knowledge in ways that bring improvements to frontline practice. The research team wants to look at the KTA processes that SHKN/AKE CoPs are using, and also the roles played by CoP leaders and frontline caregivers within those processes. The findings generated through this research should be useful in a number of ways. First, it will provide the Design & Dementia CoP (and other healthcare organizations as well) with feedback on the effectiveness of their project, and with ideas on how to improve their efforts to introduce new practices into health care workplaces. Also, the research will contribute to our overall understanding of how to improve the delivery of health services to seniors.

As part of the KTA Study, the investigators are looking for frontline participants, who will be attending the Wayfinding Fireside Chat, to take part in two 30-minute telephone interviews – one to occur directly following the event (January 22-25), and the second to take place in late February. The interviews will examine: the relevance and importance of the knowledge shared during the Fireside Chat, if and how you intend to implement this knowledge into your practice, and the changes that may occur as a result of implementing this knowledge.

You can learn more about the study or express your interest in participating by replying to Katie Mairs, Research Associate, University of Waterloo – Phone: 519-888-4567 ext.38982 or Email: [kmairs@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:kmairs@uwaterloo.ca).