

Home Care

An Integral Component of an Effective Seniors Strategy

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The Canadian Home Care Association, as a national voice, promotes excellence in home care through leadership, awareness and knowledge to shape strategic directions.

On behalf of our membership across Canada we work to promote our vision of accessible, responsive home care and community supports which enable people to stay in their homes with safety, dignity and quality of life.



An array of services, provided in the home and community setting, that encompass health promotion and teaching, curative intervention, end-of-life care, rehabilitation, support and maintenance, social adaptation and integration, and support for the family caregiver.



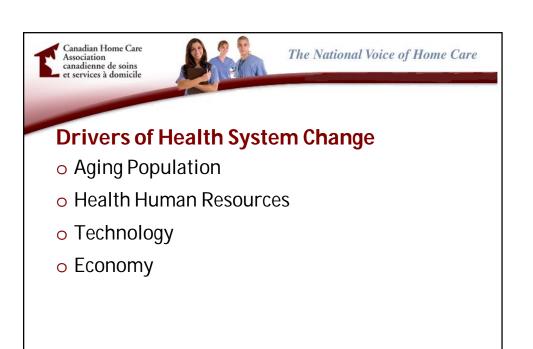
- o Recognized and valued by society
- Comprehensive, flexible and accessible to all Canadians
- Seamlessly integrated into the broader array of health and social services

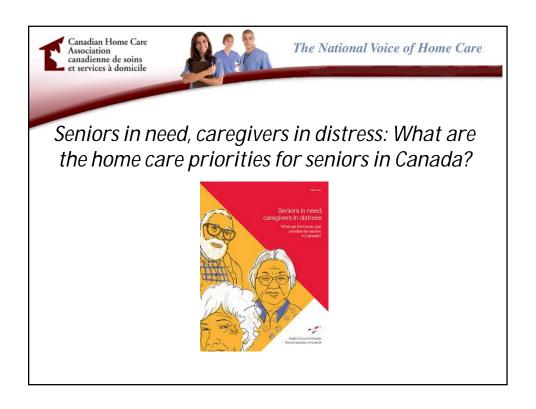
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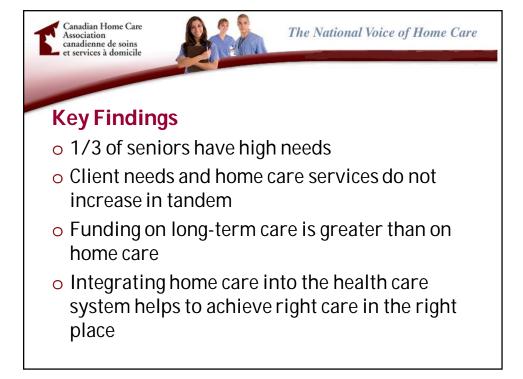


Guiding Principles

- Home care is a critical component of an integrated system through the provision of collaborative and interdisciplinary care
- Caregivers and volunteers are vital and respected members of the home care team and should be provided with necessary supports
- A national framework harmonized principles for home care will provide consistency across the country









Challenges

- Availability of caregivers
- Recruiting and retaining a home care workforce
- o Determining value for money
- Standardized assessment and data



o Enable access to user friendly information

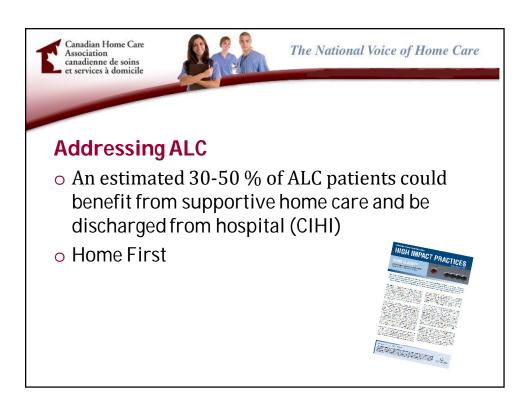
o Create flexible workplace environments

o Invest in research

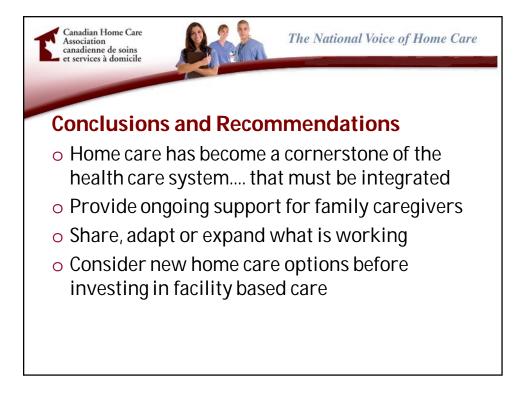
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- Linkage with primary care
- Post-acute support
- Palliative care
- Mental health linkage









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