

Health Care Consent Advance Care Planning (HCC ACP) Resource Review

What is a HCC ACP Resource Review?

In response to the need for provincial resources on HCC ACP that utilizes an Ontario legal framework, the CoP was created to support clinicians, administrators, caregivers, policymakers, researchers, educators and leaders who are committed to the promotion of HCC ACP in Ontario. Across the province considerable time and effort is spent by associations, organizations and projects to develop HCC ACP related documents and processes. In an effort to support this work, **the HCC ACP CoP Leadership Advisory Team is offering to review HCC ACP related resources** (i.e. content, policies, procedures and materials) to ensure the language and intent complies with the Ontario Legal Framework. Vetted final resources can then be acknowledged by the CoP as being reflective of the Ontario Legal Framework, and with permission shared on the Ontario Resources of the Speak Up website repository.

Who conducts the HCC ACP Resource Review?

The HCC ACP CoP Leadership Advisory Team is committed to advancing awareness, knowledge and skills related to HCC ACP in Ontario and is comprised of a diverse group of experts in the legal, policy, clinical, operational, knowledge translation and implementation domains of HCC ACP. The Resource Review process emerged out a strong desire to support colleagues and address the specific nature of HCC ACP in Ontario. **While it contains legal INFORMATION for educational purposes, it is not intended as legal advice.** Therefore, if you have any specific questions about any legal matter, you should consult your lawyer or other professional legal services provider.

Why is a HCC ACP Resource Review important?

Along with ensuring the right information is given to the right person, at the right time, in the right way, it also:

- Reduces duplication of efforts and improves access to HCC ACP best practices for Ontario
- Ensures materials and knowledge complies with Ontario law (Health Care Consent Act)
- Facilitates the use of accurate, consistent and clear information throughout Ontario
- Corrects misunderstandings and misconceptions and provides suggestions to enhance clarity and understanding
- Meets the legislated professional obligations for all health practitioners of any type, and of any regulated health facilities (e.g., hospitals, long term care homes etc.) and any regulated health services
- Honours the basic rights of a patient, and residents' rights in Long Term Care Homes Act
- Reduces the risk of complaints and legal liability

How is a HCC ACP Resource Review conducted?

- The organization is provided a tool kit to guide their preliminary self-review of their HCC ACP documents/resources
- Revised documents are then forwarded to and reviewed by a working group of the HCC ACP CoP Leadership Team
- A review summary is presented to the full Leadership Team and consensus is reached on recommended revisions
- The organization receives a response outlining overarching issues related to compliance with the Ontario legal framework and recommended revisions
- Either the submitting organization or the Leadership Team can request a meeting to share and discuss the recommendations
- Where appropriate and to support capacity building, after revised resources are confirmed to be in alignment with the legal landscape the HPCO HCC ACP CoP could also help to disseminate/promote material(s)/tools to a broader audience. i.e. post on the Speak Up Ontario website, add to the HPCO HCC ACP best practice repository
- Acknowledged projects/initiatives are also invited and encouraged to submit abstracts, posters and oral papers to present and profile their work at the annual HPCO conference.

To Request a Review

If you are interested in scheduling a formal review of your HCC ACP resources for use within Ontario or if you have questions please contact Julie Darnay at jdarnay@hpcoco.ca, or 1-800-349-3111 ext. 30 or 416-304-1477 ext. 30.