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## Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Integrated Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Services

### **\*UPDATE\*** In Person Wound Care Education Offerings for LTC

- In-person skin & wound care classes are restarting this fall with the following topics:
  - Module 1 – Basic Prevention and Management of Skin Breakdown
  - Module 2 – Lower Leg Wounds, Non-healing Wounds and Stomas
- Please refer to the attached KYI for more information, available date and how to register.
- If you have any questions please reach out to the Regional Wound Care Clinicians: Kristen Avery-Girard at [kristen.avery-girard@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:kristen.avery-girard@fraserhealth.ca) and Kristina Cantafio at [kristina.cantafio@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:kristina.cantafio@fraserhealth.ca).

### **\*NEW\*** Caring for Residents with Bariatric Needs in LTC/AL - Decision Support Tool

- The purpose of this decision support tool (DST) is to provide staff working in Long-Term Care (LTC) and Assisted Living (AL) with key resources and recommendations to safely transfer, assess, and care plan for individuals with bariatric care needs using a [person- and family-centred approach](#).
- **This DST:** [Caring for Residents with Bariatric Needs in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living - Decision Support Tool](#)
  - applies to all staff in LTC and AL settings.
  - provides clinical direction for the care of residents with bariatric needs.
  - Is available via FH intranet and extranet
- **Education and implementation:**
  - All LTC and AL leaderships will be invited to join an educational webinar in October, 2024.
- **For more information, contact:** Gita Rafiee, Clinical Nurse Specialist – Seniors Community and Complex Care ([gita.rafiee@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:gita.rafiee@fraserhealth.ca))

### **\*REMINDER\*** Amendment to Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, effective January 31, 2023, via Health Canada. LTC-AL Survey reminder.

- Thank you to everyone who have completed the survey so far. There is still time to respond as the survey deadline is **August 30, 2024**.
- We invite you to review and provide feedback on the attached LTC-AL Q&A using this: [survey link](#).
- In response, Fraser Health published the [Possession of Exempted Substances for Personal Use Policy](#) to guide all staff including medical staff caring for adults who use exempted substances. In addition, Fraser Health has also published [Harm Reduction for Psychoactive Substance Use Policy](#), which guides staff to adopt an evidence-based harm reduction approach when caring for adults and youth who use psychoactive substances.
- A LTC-AL Shared Work Team (SWT), in collaboration with Opioid Prevention & Response Clinical Nurse Specialist, are planning a fall webinar to share information and answer questions about supporting people we serve who use exempted substances.
- For affiliated care communities, you may not be able to access the links in the Q&A.
- The SWT selected the 3 documents attached that are pertinent for this Q&A review. All applicable documents will be shared after the fall webinar launch.
  - Possession of Exempted Substances Policy.
  - Harm Reduction For Psychoactive Substance Use Policy
  - Possession of Exempted Substances Decision Support Tool.
  - If you have any questions, please contact Anita Wahl at [anita.wahl@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:anita.wahl@fraserhealth.ca).