Ontario Association of Residents' Councils Webinar Series June 2025 Session: Your Medications, Your Choice: Making Informed Decisions About Medications in Long-Term Care

Post Session Handout for Participants

Key Points:

- 1. Medications should fit with "what matters most" to you.
- 2. As you get older, medications can start affecting you differently.
 - It is a good idea to review them regularly, reducing medications no longer needed or are causing more harm than good.
- 3. Safe medication management is a team effort.
 - Decisions are a shared agreement between you and your care team.
- 4. Ask your care team about medication reviews and how you can be involved.
 - Tools are available to help you feel prepared.

Key Links:

- deprescribing.org Website: https://deprescribing.org/
- Deprescribing in Ontario Long-Term Care Resources: https://deprescribing.org/resources/deprescribing-in-ltc-framework/
- Shared Decision-Making in Medication Management Cue Card: https://deprescribing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SDM-in-Medication-Management-Cue-Card V5.pdf
- Fillable Medication Record and Experience Form: https://deprescribing.org/wp-

- <u>content/uploads/2021/07/Medication-record-v3.0-fillable-last-updated-March-30-2021.pdf</u>
- Roles of the LTC team in medications: <u>https://deprescribing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Ver-3.1-Getting-Involved-in-Medication-Decisions-with-Logos-Acknowledgement-Feb-2024.pdf</u>
- Spotting Medication Side Effects: https://deprescribing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Identifying-People-for-medication-assessment- Infographic-V13.pdf
- deprescribing.org Patient Information Pamphlets & Infographics: https://deprescribing.org/resources/deprescribing-information-pamphlets/

Additional Resources:

- 5 Questions to Ask About Your Medications https://www.ismp-canada.org/medrec/5questions.htm
- 5 Questions to Ask About Your Medications Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJI1ToB-Dv8
- Medline Plus <u>www.medlineplus.gov</u>
- Health Connect Ontario (Health811) ("811" or Toll-free: 1-866-797-0007)
- <u>Shared Decision-Making Checklist</u>, created by FAIR Health: https://www.fairhealthconsumer.org/download/shared-decision-making-toolkit-for-caregivers.pdf