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Research Project Summary

Code: DLC- 08-105

Subject areas: Geriatrics, Dementia

Title	Patterns of Resource Utilization by Medical and Social Service Professionals and Unpaid Care Providers: Knowledge transfer, translation, and dissemination.
Overview	According to a recent release of information by Statistics Canada (July, 2007), nearly 1 out of 3 Canadians is now a baby-boomer, 1 out of 7 Canadians is over 65, and the fastest growing group in Canada are those over 80. Projects based on data collected and analyzed by the Canadian Study of Health and Aging indicate that ¾ million Canadians will have Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia by the year 2031. Both professional and unpaid care providers of people living with dementia will be significantly impacted by this shift, and it is predicted that there will be a growing demand for well-trained professional and unpaid care providers for those living with dementia to accompany this shift.(WORK ON OVERVIEW LITTLE MORE)
Objectives	The primary goal of this study is to better describe the 'best practices' and the 'lessons learned' regarding the acquisition of knowledge, its transfer and dissemination by medical and social service professionals and unpaid care providers, specifically involved in the care of older adults.
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Location	Deer Lodge Centre
Subject area	Geriatrics, Dementia
Methodology	This is an exploratory study aimed at deriving pilot data designed to collect data about how people use the computer (or not) to seek information about dementia and related issues. A survey and focus groups will most effectively establish a rich database on this relatively new topic. A survey can solicit data from a large group of people. For this reason, a survey would be most suitable in order to investigate broad based levels of awareness and attitudes on this topic at this initial phase of investigation. Focus groups will allow for confirmation and revision of primary themes as these emerge in the survey data.
Project timelines	1 year
Potential benefit	Benefits to participant include the knowledge that participants are contributing towards an important new area of research. Participants may also make new network contacts that further develop into relationships that aid in their care for individuals with dementia, and

	provide additional support. Participants in the focus group may learn more effective ways to gather relevant information through group participant contributions.
Status	Ongoing
Publications	None as of yet
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