



## DEER LODGE CENTRE

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### **Research Project Summary**

**Code: DLC- 08-104**

**Subject areas: Geriatrics**

<b>Title</b>	Planning for Patient Safety: Exploring Strategies to Reduce a Person's Risk of Adverse Events When Transitioning Between Day Hospital and Community Based Care.
<b>Overview</b>	Geriatric Day Hospitals provide interdisciplinary primary healthcare community-dwelling elderly patients who are at risk for multiple negative health outcomes. The period of transition back to the community from a Day Hospital is a critical time to minimize the risk of such outcomes through a range of practice improvements
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The project team has identified several objectives or aims for the proposed study. In order to accomplish the overall goal of identifying and developing potential strategies to address potential risks for older adults after discharge from Day Hospital, the project team endeavors to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify all potential participants in the discharge process (patients, informal caregivers, and health professionals) and invite them to actively participate in the proposed study activities.</li><li>2. Generate a definition of an adverse event, pertaining specifically to the proposed study area and to develop a prioritized list of risks that Manitoba clinicians, patients, and families are concerned about.</li><li>3. Clearly delineate current discharge practices in the transition between day hospital and community based care and to provide the findings to regional and provincial partners.</li><li>4. Engage all participants in discussions regarding strengths and weaknesses of the current discharge process. The researchers anticipate building upon these discussions with participants and decision makers (regional and provincially) to conceptualize potential strategies to address these concerns.</li><li>5. Develop a series of strategies conceptualized and validated by participants of the transition process (patients, clinicians, and policy makers).</li><li>6. Foster an environment of collaboration between participants (patients, clinicians, and decision makers) involved in the transition process between day hospital and community based care settings.</li><li>7. Develop a chart audit tool that can be used to identify patient safety issues for community dwelling health care service recipients.</li></ol> <p>Engage participants in conceptualization of future research ideas regarding patient safety and transition processes.</p>

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<b>Subject area</b>	Geriatrics
<b>Methodology</b>	To obtain the most comprehensive information possible from this study, the researchers are proposing a mixed methods design; converging quantitative and qualitative data collection/analysis procedures. More specifically, the researchers are proposing a "Concurrent Triangulation Strategy, which utilizes both in an attempt to confirm, cross validate or corroborate findings within a single study," (Creswell, 2003). This method is considered advantageous as it typically results in well-validated and substantiated findings. Specifically, the proposed study uses a combination of focus groups, in-depth interviews, and chart extractions.
<b>Project timelines</b>	20 months
<b>Potential benefit</b>	Reduce the risk of a range of negative health outcomes for seniors returning to the community.
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Publications</b>	None as of yet
<b>Last summary update</b>	May 2008