

Training and Assistance to Individualize Pain Management and Improve Opioid Safety in Nursing Homes

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Why We Chose This Project Topic and Intervention

- Approximately 70% of nursing home residents with chronic non-cancer pain regularly receive opioids
- Long-term opioids may not provide effective pain relief, increased function, or greater quality of life
- The elderly are especially susceptible to opioid adverse effects
- Opioids and ineffective pain management can lead to worsening of nursing home quality measures including pain, falls, weight loss and depression
- Clinical practice guidelines on opioids and pain management can be challenging for nursing homes to implement
- A Qsource pain management pilot project between January 2017 and July 2018 resulted in improve quality measures and increased access to non-opioid pain treatments

Project Background

- Funding amount: \$156,610
- At least 20 Tennessee nursing homes served with over 3200 resident beds
- Period of Performance: April 15, 2019-April 14, 2020



Goals and Expected Project Successes

2500 Increase in pain management opioid to

25% Increase in nonopioid pain treatments 159/0 Increase in specific pain indications

50% Nursing homes using a comfort menu

knowledge

50 Reduction in opioid use 500 Increase in pain management satisfaction

Stakeholders Involved in the Project

- Twenty or more Tennessee nursing homes
 - Interdisciplinary team that includes a project champion
- Tennessee Department of Health
- Tennessee Health Care Association



Project Implementation Plan

- Nursing home recruitment
 - Complete
- Training material development in progress
- ◆ In person training of trainer sessions in August
- Summary webinar of training sessions
- One-on-one technical assistance
 - At least one session per home in Aug, Sep or Oct
 - Additional sessions as needed
- Monthly data collection and analysis
- Outcomes Congress in April 2020



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