



July 2016 Newsletter

RaDAR in Sun Country Health Region *Update*

RaDAR is working intensively with the Kipling PHC team to develop, adapt, and evaluate best practices in rural dementia care (e.g., standard tools and protocols, multidisciplinary team care, education/ support from specialists and others).

Three new templates have been developed for Med Access EMR, and are currently being tested by the Kipling PHC team. The templates are based



Kipling Integrated Health Centre

on the PC-DATA clinic visit flow sheets and provide decision support for initial visit (#1), diagnosis and initial management (#2), and monitoring and ongoing care (#3). **PC-DATA (Primary Care Dementia Assessment and Treatment Algorithm)** was developed by **Dr. Dallas Seitz** (Queen's University, Kingston ON).

A smaller Kipling workgroup has also developed two Work Standards for testing, one to guide completion of the PC-DATA flow sheets, and the other to guide dementia case conferences between the Kipling team and patient/family. The Kipling team will test these tools over the coming months.

Dr. Andrew Kirk will provide education sessions directly to the Kipling team via telehealth over the next few months, the first on differential diagnosis and the second on capacity and competency.

For more information, contact Dr. Morgan at 306-966-7905 or debra.morgan@usask.ca.

Save the date for the 9th Annual Summit of the Knowledge Network in Rural and Remote Dementia Care



Dr. Mark Rapoport
MD, FRCPC

Oct. 25
Wine & cheese poster session
(7-9 pm)

Oct. 26
Conference

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Rapoport (University of Toronto and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre) as our keynote speaker. Dr. Rapoport co-leads Team 16 Driving & Dementia, as part of the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration and Aging. Read more about Dr. Rapoport's research in this recent **CCNA profile**.

Congratulations to Dr. Leslie Malloy-Weir, RaDAR Postdoctoral Fellow, on receiving a **SHRF fellowship** for her project *Development and pilot testing of a decision aid for dementia patients in long-term care in Saskatchewan and their surrogate decision makers*.



Dementia and driving: When it's time to hang up the keys by Nathan Herrman, Head of Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

"Even in cases where I am convinced that it is still safe for people with mild dementia to continue driving, I have to tell them that given the (slowly) progressive nature of the illness, there will come a time when they have to give up driving." **Read more.**



Dr. Debra Morgan, Chair of Rural Health Delivery (U of S) leads the RaDAR team, which is focused on improving care for individuals with dementia and their families in rural and remote areas.

The RaDAR team is currently partnering with the Sun Country Health Region to support the use of dementia care best practices in primary health care teams.



Dr. Debra Morgan

What's on our RaDAR?

Have your say!

Help set dementia research priorities in Canada

The Alzheimer Society of Canada would like to hear from:

- People with dementia
- Friends, family and caregivers of people with dementia
- Health and social care providers (e.g., doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, personal support workers, pharmacists, social workers, etc.) who work with people with dementia and/or can advocate for them
- People with no direct experience of dementia, but who are interested in the issue
- Alzheimer Society board members, volunteers and staff across Canada

[Read more.](#)

Study on the issue of dementia in our society Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science, and Technology

Earlier this year, the **Senate Standing Committee** began a study to identify gaps in programs and services for Canadians with dementia and their families, and the role of the federal government in closing these gaps. [Read more.](#)

Strasbourg Workshop

RaDAR team member Dr. Julie Kosteniuk was pleased to present an overview of our research at the *Dealing with Dementia in the Rural Area* workshop held May 10th in Strasbourg.



Strasbourg Dementia Workshop, May 10/16

The workshop was organized by Strasbourg health care providers and held at Last Mountain Pioneer Home. More than 30 family members, health care providers, and other interested individuals from Strasbourg and surrounding communities took part in the full-day workshop.

Recent publications by RaDAR team members

Exploring interest and goals for videoconferencing delivered cognitive rehabilitation with rural individuals with mild cognitive impairment or dementia. *NeuroRehabilitation*. (Rachel Burton et al. e-pub ahead of print, June 30 2016)

Simultaneous temporal trends in dementia incidence and prevalence, 2005-2013: A population-based retrospective cohort study in Saskatchewan, Canada. *International Psychogeriatrics*. (Julie Kosteniuk et al. e-pub ahead of print, June 29 2016)

[Read more.](#)

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If you are a health care professional, please see our **First Link** information and download the **First Link Agency Referral Form**.

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