Retooling Homecare from a Reactive to a Proactive Model of Care
Friday, May 26, 2017
8:30am to 9:45am
Toronto Ballroom

This session will explore better ways of supporting the elderly at risk of deteriorating at home. Presenters will speak to 1) new models of funding and learnings from other countries with respect to financing and expanding home care services for the frail elderly 2) how to identify people at risk of deterioration at home, 3) understand the concept of frailty and its determinants, 4) possible homecare interventions, and 4) ways to better coordinate care.

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KATHY BUGEJA
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JOHN MUSCADERE
Professor, Medicine, Critical Care Program Research Director, Queen’s University
JOHN HIRDLES
Dr. Hirdes is a Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Systems, University of Waterloo. He is the senior Canadian Fellow and a Board Member of interRAI, an international consortium of researchers from over 35 countries. He chairs interRAI’s International Network of Excellence in Mental Health and the interRAI Network of Canada. He is also a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Dr. Hirdes has over 190 publications in peer reviewed journals and academic book chapters. His primary areas of interest include assessment, mental health, aging, health care and service delivery, case mix systems, quality measurement, health information management, and quantitative research methods. In 2012, Dr. Hirdes received the University of Waterloo Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision. In addition, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal through the Canadian Home Care Association and the Canadian Association on Gerontology.

COLLEEN FLOOD
Colleen M. Flood FRSC is a Professor in the University of Ottawa and a University Research Chair in Health Law & Policy. She is inaugural director of the Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics. From 2000-2015 she was a Professor and Canada Research Chair at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto with cross-appointments to the School of Public Policy and the Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation. From 2006-2011 she served as a Scientific Director of the Institute for Health Services and Policy Research, one of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Her two most recent books are (1) The Right to Health at the Public/Private Divide (2014) (co-edited with Aeyal Gross and published by Cambridge University Press) and Law & Mind: Mental Health Law and Policy in Canada (2016) (co-edited with Jennifer Chandler and published by LexisNexis, Canada). She is Principal Investigator on a CIHR-funded grant, “Long Term Worries” that is exploring different modes for expansion of financing of long-term and home-care.

KATHY BUGEJA
As a daughter, daughter-in-law, and close friend, Kathy Bugeja has been entrusted with managing the care, and advocating for the needs, of five frail seniors all presenting with different health care challenges such as congestive heart failure, multiple stroke, advanced dementia, diabetes and the associated comorbidities and complications these conditions engender. This responsibility has exposed her to the realities of the family physician – patient relationship and the home and hospital health care systems, a perspective she shared on November 16, 2016 as a primary caregiver presenting before the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Bill 41: The Patients First Act. This perspective has also been shaped through her work with the very groups that provide and fund that care in her capacity as Founder and Managing Director of SPI Group, a health care consulting firm, that for over 25 years, has specialized in developing innovative models of care delivery within and across the major health care sectors (primary care, home and community-based care, rehab, acute care, tertiary care, and long term care).

JOHN MUSCADERE
John Muscedere MD, FRCPC is a Professor of Medicine at Queen’s University. He is the Scientific Director for the Canadian Frailty Network (CFN), which recently received funding for a second five-year term from the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program. CFN is dedicated to improving care for frail older Canadians, estimated at over 1 million which will increasingly rise as the population ages. Frailty is associated with poor outcomes including increased mortality, decreased quality of life and increased healthcare resource consumption. Through its efforts, CFN will increase the knowledge necessary to improve frailty outcomes and increase its recognition in the Canadian healthcare system. CFN is addressing frailty in Canada which is crucially important for its aging population.