



## COLLABORATIVE CARE MODELS: TRANSFORMING THE HEALTH SYSTEM WITH EFFICIENT NURSING SOLUTIONS

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This round table discussion will focus on how we can use collaborative care models to optimize health professionals' full scope of practice. Taking our cue from the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences' report, *Optimizing Scope of Practice*, we note that optimizing health professional's scopes of practice is best done in interdisciplinary team models of care. The objective of this roundtable discussion is to consider the potential strengths and challenges of implementing interdisciplinary collaborative care models and provide feedback for how to best utilize individual team members based on competency.

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### PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of the terms 'Scope of Practice', 'Nursing Competency', and how these terms differ in meaning and use.
- Present examples of collaborative care models
- Present research that confirms known barriers to optimizing scopes of practice- from an Alberta perspective and a National perspective.

### FINDINGS/IMPACT/OUTCOMES

The main outcome we hope to achieve with this roundtable discussion is to hear back from our fellow healthcare stakeholders on how to tackle the barriers that limit scope optimization and implementation of collaborative care models. We would like to build a collective dialogue about how nursing professionals can optimize each others' roles and discuss best ways to communicate with health policy decision makers and our fellow nursing colleagues in the interest of providing the best quality care.

### CONCLUSIONS

From the research literature we know that neither Registered Nurses or Licenced Practical Nurses are working to their full scope of practice (Akeroyd et al, 2010 and Shimoni, 2012). There are several known barriers to full optimization. The roundtable discussion will help translate the research literature and begin to address barriers at the organization level and system level. Health experts agree that working in a collaborative care teams is the best way to optimize each health profession's role (Besner, 2005; White, 2008). We would like to engage with health policy decision makers to understand how to best implement this efficient and effective health solution.