

## Collaborative Academic Practice Innovation Fellowship Program For Point-of-Care Health Professionals

### CAP Fellowship in Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs)

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Are you a point-of-care nurse at Toronto General Hospital (TGH)? Do you have a project idea aimed at reducing the occurrence of a Hospital Acquired Condition (HAC) at UHN? If so, you should consider applying for the 2017-18 CAP Fellowship in Hospital Acquired Conditions.

#### What is the CAP Fellowship Program?

- The CAP Fellowship Program is a unique opportunity for full-time or part-time health professionals at UHN to lead a practice-based quality improvement project while learning about leading change in a complex academic health organization. Successful applicants will receive **two eight hour paid protected days per week** over six months to complete their project activities.

#### Who is eligible to apply?

- Full-time or part-time point-of-care nursing staff member at TGH who does not already have professional development or research time built into their role and who are not in a formal leadership position
- Eligible applicant must practice in an area where exposure to the selected HAC exists, and have an innovative project idea aimed at decreasing the occurrence of the HAC in order to reduce preventable harm at UHN
- Individual with HACs CAP Fellowship will have the opportunity to join the related HAC Working Group and/or Intervention Team in order to align their project to the overall HAC strategy

#### Project Requirements:

- Eligible projects should be aimed at reducing one or more of the six priority HACs identified as part of UHN's Caring Safely Transformation (Adverse Drug Events, *C. difficile* Infection, Central Line Infections, Falls, Pressure Injuries, and Surgical Site Infections)
- Eligible projects should ideally align with investigating potential solutions for quality improvement initiatives identified by each of the HAC Working Groups (**see next page for potential projects**)



**Deadline to apply is May 25th, 2017 at 1200h (noon)**

For more information and to apply visit: [www.capfellowship.com](http://www.capfellowship.com)

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Eligible projects for a Fellowship in HACs include the following:

HAC	Potential CAP Fellowship Projects
<b>Adverse Drug Events</b>	Project to decrease medication incidents and negative patient outcomes attributed to <b>high alert medications</b> (i.e. opioids, insulin, and anticoagulants) Project to <b>address missed and extra doses of medications</b> , including investigation to understand why this occurs and what could be done to ensure improvement
<b>C. difficile Infection</b>	Project to <b>improve hand hygiene</b> Project to <b>understand and prevent personal protective equipment breaches</b>
<b>Central Line Infections</b>	Project to <b>standardize central line insertion and maintenance education</b> for new staff and residents Project to <b>address the appropriateness of line orders and use of central lines</b>
<b>Falls</b>	Project to identify opportunities to <b>streamline falls documentation</b> related to risk assessments, documentation of individualized fall prevention strategies, etc. Project to <b>improve the post-fall management process</b> Project to assist in the <b>development of an anticoagulation protocol for falls</b>
<b>Pressure Injuries</b>	Project to <b>improve and standardize pressure injury education</b> for staff Project to <b>improve moisture management, repositioning of patients, and/or nutrition</b> to reduce the occurrence of pressure injuries
<b>Surgical Site Infections</b>	Project to <b>improve surgical wound management</b> , including evaluating current protocol and practices, and investigating improvement methods

UHN's six priority HACs are defined as follows:

- **Adverse Drug Events:** an injury from a medicine or lack of an intended medicine, and includes adverse drug reactions and harm from medication incidents
- **C. Difficile Infection:** a bacterium that can produce toxins that damage the lining of the intestines, resulting in symptoms that range from mild diarrhea to death
- **Central Line Infections:** occurring when bacteria enters the bloodstream through a central line catheter
- **Falls:** an event that results in an individual coming to rest inadvertently on a lower level, with or without injury
- **Pressure Injuries:** occurring as a result of intense and/or prolonged pressure or pressure in combination with shear
- **Surgical Site Infections:** an infection that occurs after surgery in the part of the body where the surgery took place



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