

The Institute for Life Course and Aging is pleased to announce the second noon-hour seminar of the 2007-08 season:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S
Institute for Life Course and Aging is pleased to present a live webcast of

***HOW TARGETED, INTEGRATED AND MANAGED
HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE CAN SUPPORT
“AT RISK” SENIORS AND SUSTAIN MEDICARE:
FINDINGS FROM THE BALANCE OF CARE
PROJECT IN WATERLOO, ONTARIO***

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12 pm – 1:30 pm

How long can seniors at risk of losing independence be safely and cost-effectively cared for in the community? At what point do they require long-term care (LTC) institutional beds? In this seminar the presenters give results from a groundbreaking study of the balance of community-based and institutional care in the region of Waterloo, Ontario. Using standardized assessment data to examine key characteristics of individuals on LTC wait lists, and provincial funding data to estimate how much integrated community-based service packages would cost, this study found that up to half of those waiting for LTC beds could be safely and cost-effectively cared for at home. Up to three quarters of those waiting for beds might be sustained in the community with better outcomes for them, their careers and the health care system, if options such as supportive housing were available.

A. Paul Williams is Professor and Co-Director of the CIHR Team in Community Care and Health Human Resources, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto. He is also Co-Chair of the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (www.CRNCC.ca).

Kerry Kuluski and Jillian Watkins are doctoral students, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto. Kerry's research examines the balance of community and institutional care in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Jillian's work assesses how emerging issues around sexual orientation may impact on the ability of LGBT individuals to age in place in the community.

NOTE: If you are attending the live webcast “in person” you will need to sign in prior to the seminar, granting your permission to be filmed.

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