

What's New with the RNAO Best Practices Program?

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Over the past year, much activity has taken place with Canada's homegrown program of best practice guidelines development, dissemination, implementation and evaluation. The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) continues to lead and partner with multidisciplinary teams and health-care organizations on the following:

- A 2005 update to the 2002 *Best Practice Guideline on Prevention of Pressure Ulcers* with new evidence and additional resources
- An accompanying implemen-

tation tool on "repositioning techniques"

- An educational package for registered nurses and registered practical nurses on assessment and management of pressure ulcers
- Other guideline implementation resources have been developed:
 - Toolkit: Implementation of Clinical Practice Guidelines
 - Educator's Resource: Integrating Best Practice Guidelines
 - Sustainability of Best Practice Guidelines Implementation

The above and more are available at www.rnao.org.

With the vision to create robust

research in guideline implementation and impact assessment, the RNAO has partnered with the University of Ottawa, School of Nursing, and established the Nursing Best Practice Research Unit (NBPRU). This unit provides opportunities for researchers to share and collaborate on research interests related to best practices. In its short one-year history, the NBPRU has provided the bedrock for the commencement of over one dozen research projects. The NBPRU website will soon be launched at www.nbpru.ca.

The RNAO is holding its biennial



International Conference on Evidence-based Best Practice Guidelines: Setting the Context for Excellence in Clinical Practice and Healthy Work Environments on June 7 and 8, 2007, in Markham, Ontario. Details can be found at www.rnao.org. 