



## Quality Standards – What's New?

- **Coming Soon:** [click here](#) for details.
  - Transition in Care: Hospital to Home
  - Chronic Pain
- **Open for Feedback in September:**
  - Opioid Use Disorder
  - Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Pain
  - Opioid Prescribing for Acute Pain
  - Palliative Care

## Upcoming Events

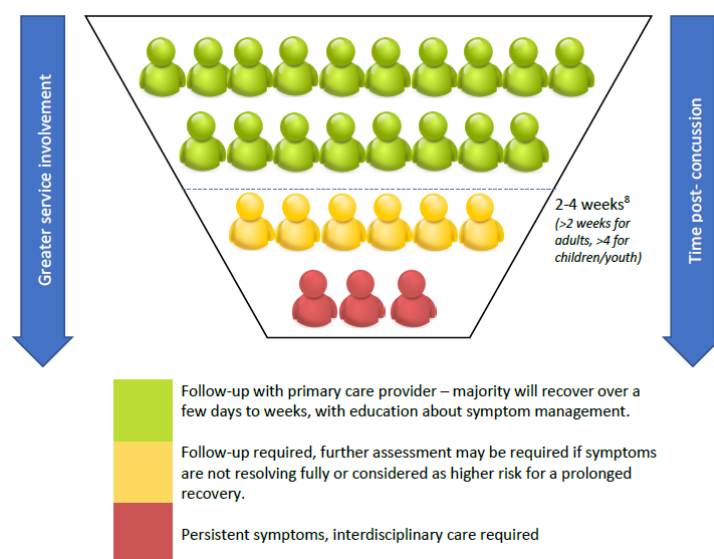
- **Webinar: Health Equity**
  - Sept. 20 – [click here](#) for details.
- **Health Quality Transformation North**
  - Keynote Speaker: Don Berwick
  - Oct. 24 – [click here](#) for details.
- **Change Day Ontario**
  - Nov. 17 – [click here](#) for details.

**Save the date!**

## Growing Concussion Incidence in Ontario Highlights Need For Clear Post-Concussion Care Pathway

Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation's recent report outlines new standards for post-concussion care in Ontario

- Concussions are the most commonly diagnosed form of traumatic brain injury in Ontario.
- Most concussed patients recover within one to several weeks, however **15-20%** may experience **persistent symptoms** that significantly interfere with daily functioning and degrade their quality of life.
- There are currently **no accepted standards** for post-concussion care in Ontario and patients often receive uncoordinated or haphazard care as a result.
- Waitlists to receive specialized care for persistent concussion symptoms are **excessive** and vulnerable patients often turn to more readily accessible services which **may not be appropriate for their needs**.
- ONF standards establish a consistent approach to timely post-concussion care and **guide health care providers and interdisciplinary clinics** in processes used to deliver quality care and **empower patients** to ask questions about how their care is delivered.



- Standards **clarify the post-concussion care pathway** and are supported by the latest research, ensuring Ontarians receive the right care, at the right time by the right health care provider.
- To learn more, [click here](#) to view the full report.

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