



September 19th, 2016

Dr. Kathy McGilton
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Dear Dr. McGilton:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the members of the Ontario Dementia Advisory Group (ODAG), to share our support for your proposed CIHR – Catalyst Grant: SPOR Innovative Clinical Trials research project: Implementing Person-Centred Models of Rehabilitative Care for Older Ontarians post-Hip Fracture.

As you know, ODAG is a group of Ontarians living with dementia. Our mandate is to influence policies, practices and people to ensure that we, people living with dementia, are included in decisions that affect our lives.

We believe it is crucial that older persons with dementia, who have had a hip fracture, receive rehabilitative care that is designed to meet their needs. We also feel that the perspectives and experiences of persons with dementia should inform the development of services, and care practices designed for persons with dementia.

We strongly believe that rehabilitative care is fundamental to promoting continued functioning and overall well-being for persons living with dementia, and that they should not be denied care because they have dementia. In fact, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) Article 26 states that people with disabilities (dementia) have the right to rehabilitation, re-ablement and support services on an equal basis as a non-disabled person. Thus, ODAG is keen to collaborate with your team and support this research, as we believe that your research will have a significant impact on ensuring that persons with dementia have access to the care they need.

The members of ODAG are pleased to work with you and your team and reach out to Ontarians with dementia and their family members to learn more about how we can provide high quality rehabilitative care and improve access to services for persons living with dementia. We welcome the opportunity to share our experiences and perspectives with you and your team and will be pleased to participate in your Community Advisory Board.

This proposed project will surely have a substantial impact on improving the quality of life of Ontarians with dementia who have had a hip fracture. We look forward to being a part of this work, and contributing to helping build better services and care for Ontarians living with dementia.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Wighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mary Beth Wighton
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