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## Voices for Action: Re-building Trust in Elder Care

**VIRTUAL West Coast Conference on Aging – April 1 and 2, 2022**

*Dr. Sinha will be giving the keynote address at the conference: National Long-Term Care Standards for Canada*

### FEATURED SPEAKER BIO:

#### **Dr. Samir K. Sinha MD, DPhil, FRCPC, AGSF**

Dr. Samir Sinha is the Director of Geriatrics at Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Director of Health Policy Research at Ryerson University's National Institute on Ageing.

A Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Sinha is a highly regarded clinician and international expert in the care of older adults. He is the Architect of the Government of Ontario's Seniors Strategy and in 2014, Maclean's proclaimed him to be one of Canada's 50 most influential people and its most compelling voice for the elderly. Dr. Sinha was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Government of Canada's National Seniors Council, and is also leading the development of new National Long-Term Care Standards for Canada.

Beyond Canada, Dr. Sinha is a Fellow of the American Geriatrics Society and a member of the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council. Dr. Sinha has further consulted and advised hospitals and health authorities in Britain, China, Iceland, Singapore, St. Kitts and Nevis, Taiwan and the United States on the implementation and administration of unique, integrated and innovative models of geriatric care that reduce disease burden, improve access and capacity and ultimately promote health.

### NATIONAL STANDARD OF CANADA

### NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR LONG-TERM CARE:

Draft for Public Review

[https://healthstandards.org/files/30-Standard-EN-LTC-Public-Review-26Jan2022.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3lt3N8glgNCra4mo75n3pb0LYb9EpJ7rrtFxyBNVDBzP7Maqk1FAyV\\_9U](https://healthstandards.org/files/30-Standard-EN-LTC-Public-Review-26Jan2022.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3lt3N8glgNCra4mo75n3pb0LYb9EpJ7rrtFxyBNVDBzP7Maqk1FAyV_9U)



### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

### NETWORKING AND POSTER PRESENTATION:

#### **Topics Include:**

#### **Technology Risk and Ethical Implications of Using Robots in Long-term Care**

Presenters: Erika Young and Lillian Hung, UBC IDEA Lab

The pandemic provides a unique opportunity to examine new directions such as innovative technological approaches in long-term care (LTC) homes. While robotics could enhance the capacity of staff to provide care, there are potential technology risks and ethical concerns involved in technology use among older people residing in communal aged care homes. This qualitative descriptive study explores the technological risks and ethical issues associated with the adoption of robots in the specific context of LTC homes. There are a growing interest, and some fear, about using robotics in LTC. Practice leaders should apply ethical principles and frameworks to support stakeholders make technology decisions for everyday care.

#### **Dementia Friendly Research Resources – Engaging People with Lived Experience as Participants, Collaborators and Advisors**

Rekesh Corepal and Avery Milne, Alzheimer Society of BC

The Alzheimer Society of BC has partnered with the Health Design Lab at Emily Carr to produce effective and accessible resources to support researchers in the meaningful engagement of people living with dementia, as well as resources tailored for people living with dementia encouraging their participation in dementia-friendly research. This poster sets out the steps the Society and Emily Carr followed to engage people living with dementia in the development of practical resources and highlights best practices for researchers and participants involved in dementia research.



### FEATURED ARTICLE:

#### **See Andre Picard's recent column of 'hope'**

'Now is not the time to give into to Omicron Despair'

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-now-is-not-the-time-to-give-in-to-omicron-despair/>

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