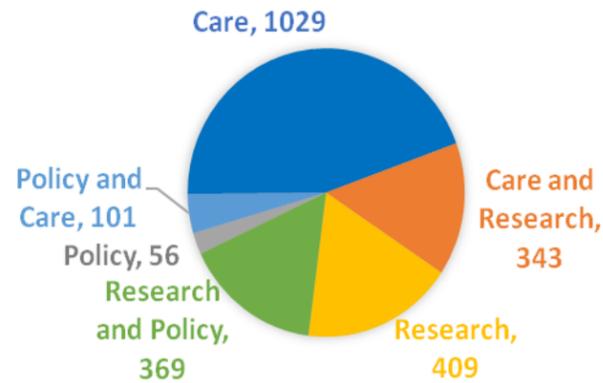


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Who we are

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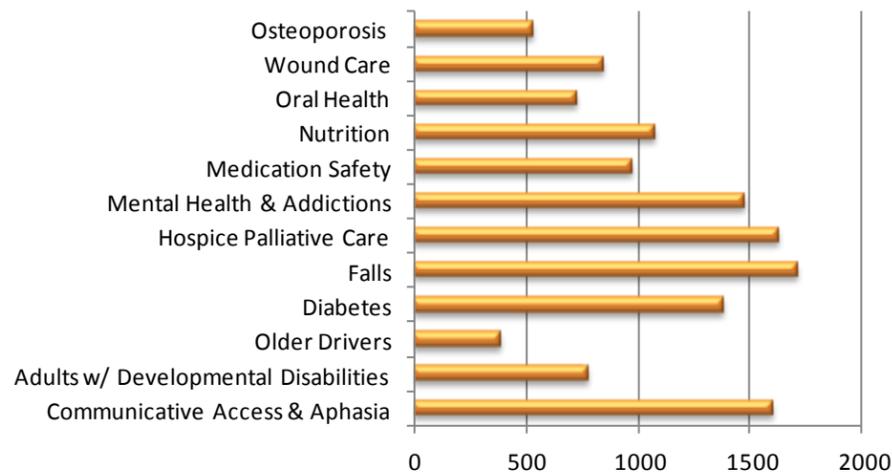


Membership Profile

Members have multiple roles across the spectrum of research, policy and care.

Members have diverse and multiple interests in the health and care of older adults.

SHKN Membership by CoP



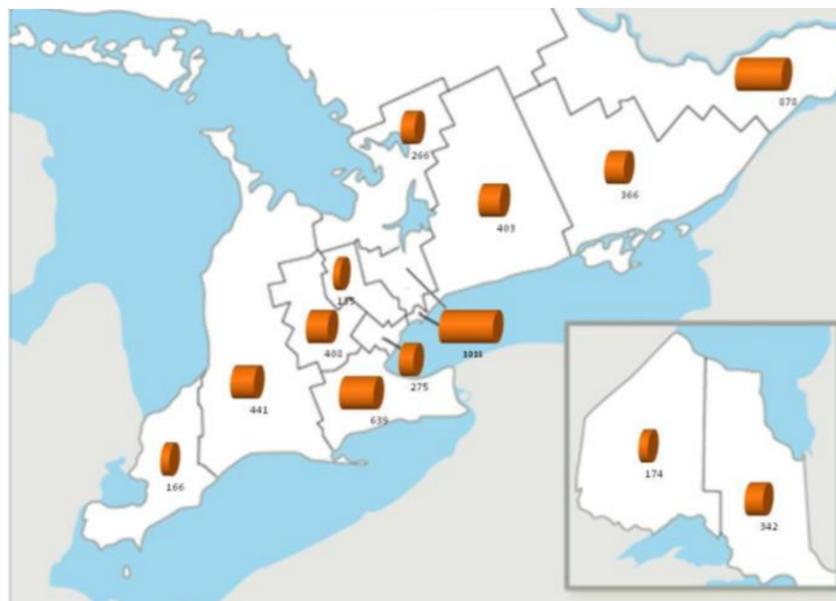
Diversity of Membership Interests

Our members care about many topics related to the health and care of older adults.

Spanning the Province

While many of our members are located in the more populous GTA and Eastern Ontario Regions, Ontario membership is present in all Local Area Health Networks, and represents all parts of the province.

(The graph to the right depicts location data for those who provided location information.)



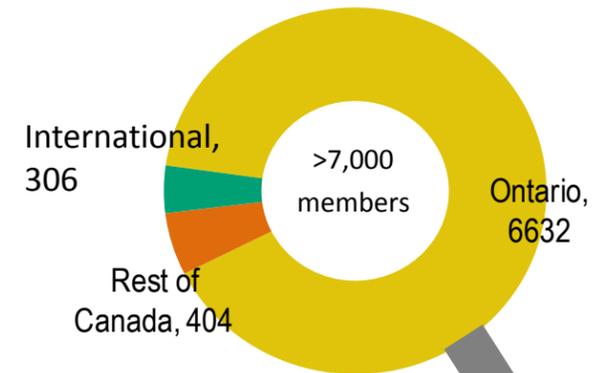
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76 available for viewing
12,000 YouTube Views
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3899 documents delivered
17 reading lists created
345 reference requests filled

Web Page Views:
66,771

The **ORC** supported the projects of 3 Early Researchers. Details: <http://tinyurl.com/k84zh38>.

25 Newsletters in 2014 to full membership and CoP members. Almost 30% of recipients opened our newsletters. (3,500 clicks generated)

6 letters of support for research projects (including the successful Network of Centres of Excellence on technology and aging (AGE-WELL); The Urban Built Environment and Dementia in Older Adults: Identifying Emerging Issues To Develop a Research Agenda; and Implementation of a Seniors' Internet-based Portal (S-PORT) to support the self-management of seniors)

Participation on 3 **stakeholder advisory panels** to share subject matter and knowledge transfer expertise.

Impacting the Health and Care of Older Adults

It saved me so much time by having (the Information Services) search. I was just able to pull all of the articles, read them and figure out how I was going to organize them.

A literature review on unsafe hoarding issues in LTC resulted in improved care for a resident with dementia.

The Medically at Risk Older Drivers CoP is reviewing, providing feedback on, updating and disseminating information about the Older Drivers Safety website for health professionals and caregivers (<http://www.olderdriversafety.ca/>).

The Falls Prevention CoP partnered with the highly successful "Watch Your Step" National Falls Prevention Conference, serving its planning committee, exhibiting and presenting and hosting "meet and greet." This has led to new and renewed commitments to partnerships.

With the plethora of research out there related to aging, there is no way our organization, with the minimal resources we have, could gather, synthesize and disseminate all of the research that would be useful to our knowledge users (mostly front-line staff in LTC and retirement). The SHKN does a lot of this legwork for us and is a resource we often point our knowledge users to for applicable knowledge in certain areas of interest (e.g. webinars on falls prevention). Having access to an information specialist who is dedicated to finding the most current and relevant resources is invaluable and means we can tackle projects we couldn't otherwise do if we had to do this in-house.

Information shared with Toronto planners is informing design of new LTC homes

The webinars held last year were very important to my practice and to my own personal life challenges of aging parents.

Supporting Identified Priorities

Education and skills upgrading for seniors' health workers:

- Practical and theoretical learning from experts in a live format and on YouTube for later reference through our Making Connections webinar series.
- Broad dissemination of tools and resources that bring the latest science to the bedside.
- Supporting front line health workers, clinicians and administrators, who do not have ready access to the scientific literature needed to make evidence-informed care and policy decisions

Promoting gerontology in research and academia:

- Knowledge sharing and collaboration among research leaders.
- Identification and fulfillment of educational needs via partnership with education, research and people with lived experience.
- Encouraging careers in health and aging research through support for early career researchers.

Improving health care system integration and connectedness:

- Reducing duplication and building capacity between and among sectors by facilitating introductions and partnering.
- Encouraging individual and organizational members to share success stories, challenges, resources and project plans.
- Supporting the work of other projects, organizations, researchers and governments.

Building knowledge translation and exchange infrastructure:

- Providing collaborative spaces for those from multiple disciplines and perspectives
- Disseminating tools, resources, news and event listings related to the health and care of older adults
- Sharing expertise in aging and health curriculum development and delivery and innovation in education and knowledge transfer and exchange.

Targeting vulnerable populations:

- Reducing geographic barriers and building health care capacity in remote areas through virtual exchange opportunities
- Supporting CoPs that advance knowledge about the special care needs of vulnerable patient populations.

Addressing priority topics in seniors' health:

- Focusing on priority topics by identifying trends and evaluating the learning needs of health care workers.
- Gathering and responding to input from front line workers, people with lived experience, policy makers and researchers when developing and disseminating evidence-based resources.
- Identifying emerging trends and information needs.