

## Challenges and Opportunities in Standardizing Wound Care Practices Across the NSM LHIN

### **Challenges**

- ET availability - \$\$ to obtain
- Variety of contracts, buying groups
- Providing education to staff (all disciplines) re protocols
- Changing clinical practice behaviour
- Communication between partners re mutual patients
- Different resources between sectors

### **Opportunities**

- Strong teams and networking opportunities within organizations
- Standardization across sectors
- Enhancement of professional practice is an advantage
- Ability to participate in a working group or steering committee

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- Differing resources between sectors
- Small geographical areas have decreased vendor support
- Management of co- morbidities to increase wound healing
- Fiscal restraints and the effect on seamlessness for patients
- Physician champions have differing opinions on what is ‘best practice’ resulting in confusion and increased cost

### **Opportunities**

- Better care teams to ensure holistic care (Diet, PT, OT, Nrsng, Physician)
- Use of technology in a new way to support patient care
- Improve patient flow – right care, right setting, right time
- Possibility of a regional human resources strategy
- Fiscal responsibility by aligning resources