

Three Key Findings from the PoET Southwest Spread Project



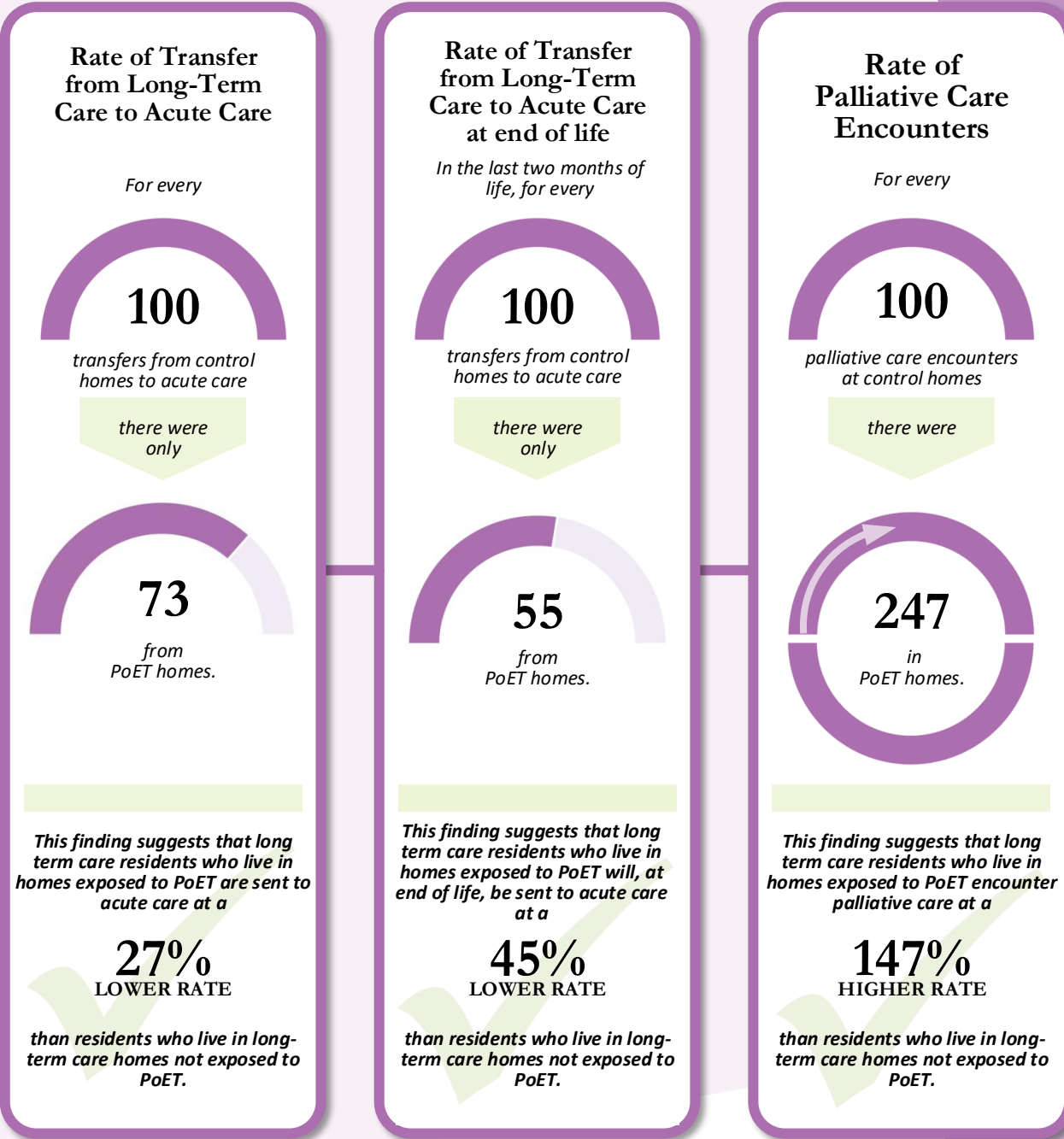
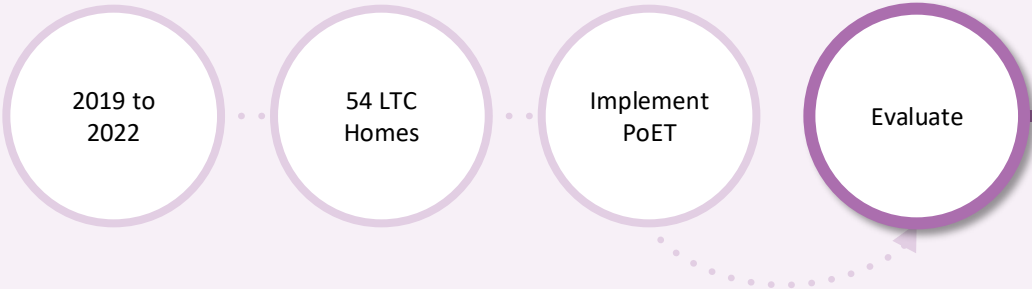
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The PoET (Prevention of Error-based Transfers) Project is an award-winning Ethics Quality Improvement Project that helps Ontario long-term care home staff and physicians align their habits, policies, and practices with Ontario’s Health Care Consent Act and related professional obligations.

Preliminary evaluation of PoET in long-term care revealed the potential for it to decrease unwanted and unnecessary transfers from long-term care to hospital, especially at end of life.

The PoET Southwest Spread Project (PSSP), a collaboration between William Osler Health System’s Ethics Quality Improvement Lab and McMaster University’s Department of Family Medicine, both spread and evaluated the impact of PoET. Through a financial contribution from Health Canada, PSSP implemented and evaluated PoET in 54 long-term care homes in the Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Mississauga and Halton regions on Ontario, Canada between September 2019 and September 2022.

Three key results from the PSSP, summarized here, show that PoET has the potential to benefit both long-term care residents and the entire provincial health system.



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