



**Ministry of Long-Term  
Care**

**Ministère des Soins de longue  
durée**

**Inspection Report under  
the Long-Term Care  
Homes Act, 2007**

**Rapport d'inspection en vertu de  
la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de  
soins de longue durée**

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<b>Report Date(s) / Date(s) du Rapport</b>	<b>Inspection No / No de l'inspection</b>	<b>Log # / No de registre</b>	<b>Type of Inspection / Genre d'inspection</b>
Oct 9, 2020	2020_729615_0024	003800-20	Follow up

### **Licensee/Titulaire de permis**

St. Joseph's Health System  
50 Charlton Avenue East Room M146 HAMILTON ON L8N 4A6

### **Long-Term Care Home/Foyer de soins de longue durée**

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre  
99 Wayne Gretzky Parkway BRANTFORD ON N3S 6T6

### **Name of Inspector(s)/Nom de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs**

HELENE DESABRAIS (615)

### **Inspection Summary/Résumé de l'inspection**

**The purpose of this inspection was to conduct a Follow up inspection.**

**This inspection was conducted on the following date(s): September 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2020.**

**The following intake was inspected during this inspection:**

**Log #003800-20 Follow-up to CO#001 from inspection 2020\_729615\_0005 related to skin and wound assessment.**

**During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) spoke with the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse.**

**The Inspector also observed a resident, reviewed residents' clinical records, the home's skin and wound management program policies and procedures related to this inspection.**

**The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection:  
Skin and Wound Care**

**During the course of this inspection, Non-Compliances were issued.**

**1 WN(s)  
0 VPC(s)  
1 CO(s)  
0 DR(s)  
0 WAO(s)**

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**NON-COMPLIANCE / NON - RESPECT DES EXIGENCES**
**Legend**

WN – Written Notification  
 VPC – Voluntary Plan of Correction  
 DR – Director Referral  
 CO – Compliance Order  
 WAO – Work and Activity Order

**Légende**

WN – Avis écrit  
 VPC – Plan de redressement volontaire  
 DR – Aiguillage au directeur  
 CO – Ordre de conformité  
 WAO – Ordres : travaux et activités

Non-compliance with requirements under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) was found. (a requirement under the LTCHA includes the requirements contained in the items listed in the definition of "requirement under this Act" in subsection 2(1) of the LTCHA).

The following constitutes written notification of non-compliance under paragraph 1 of section 152 of the LTCHA.

Le non-respect des exigences de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée (LFSLD) a été constaté. (une exigence de la loi comprend les exigences qui font partie des éléments énumérés dans la définition de « exigence prévue par la présente loi », au paragraphe 2(1) de la LFSLD.

Ce qui suit constitue un avis écrit de non-respect aux termes du paragraphe 1 de l'article 152 de la LFSLD.

**WN #1: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 50. Skin and wound care**

**Specifically failed to comply with the following:**

- s. 50. (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,**  
**(a) a resident at risk of altered skin integrity receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff,**  
**(i) within 24 hours of the resident's admission,**  
**(ii) upon any return of the resident from hospital, and**  
**(iii) upon any return of the resident from an absence of greater than 24 hours; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2).**
- s. 50. (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,**  
**(b) a resident exhibiting altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown, pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds,**  
**(i) receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that is specifically designed for skin and wound assessment,**  
**(ii) receives immediate treatment and interventions to reduce or relieve pain, promote healing, and prevent infection, as required,**  
**(iii) is assessed by a registered dietitian who is a member of the staff of the home, and any changes made to the resident's plan of care relating to nutrition and hydration are implemented, and**  
**(iv) is reassessed at least weekly by a member of the registered nursing staff, if clinically indicated; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2).**

**Findings/Faits saillants :**

1. The licensee has failed to ensure that when three residents exhibited altered skin integrity, they received a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff upon return of the resident from the hospital.

On three different occasions, three residents with altered skin integrity were sent to hospital. There was no documented evidence that the residents received a skin assessment upon return from the hospital. During interviews, the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse acknowledged that the residents should have received a skin assessment upon the residents' return from the hospital. The home's failure to complete skin assessments posed a risk that the residents' altered skin integrity would worsen or posed a risk of not receiving required treatment for areas of impaired skin integrity.

Sources: the residents' progress notes and clinical records, interview with Administrator, Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse.

2. The licensee has failed to ensure that when three residents exhibited altered skin integrity, they received a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that was specifically designed for skin and wound assessment.

On three different dates, three residents complained of pain, or discomfort, related to an altered skin integrity issue. There was no documented evidence that the residents received a skin and wound assessment when presenting altered skin integrity. During interviews, the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse acknowledged that the residents should have received a skin and wound assessments on those occasions. The home's failure to complete skin assessments posed a risk that the residents' altered skin integrity would worsen or posed a risk of not receiving required treatment for areas of impaired skin integrity.

The home's "Skin and Wound Care Management Program" policy stated, in part, that the registered staff are responsible for assessment of skin integrity, alterations in skin and care planning.

Sources: the home's "Skin and Wound Care Management Program" policy (last revised December 8, 2020), the residents' progress notes and clinical records, interviews with the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse.

***Additional Required Actions:***

***CO # - 001 will be served on the licensee. Refer to the "Order(s) of the Inspector".***

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**Signature of Inspector(s)/Signature de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs**

**Original report signed by the inspector.**



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**Name of Inspector (ID #) /**

**Nom de l'inspecteur (No) :** HELENE DESABRAIS (615)

**Inspection No. /**

**No de l'inspection :** 2020\_729615\_0024

**Log No. /**

**No de registre :** 003800-20

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**Date(s) du Rapport :** Oct 9, 2020

**Licensee /**

**Titulaire de permis :** St. Joseph's Health System

50 Charlton Avenue East, Room M146, HAMILTON,  
ON, L8N-4A6

**LTC Home /**

**Foyer de SLD :**

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre

99 Wayne Gretzky Parkway, BRANTFORD, ON,  
N3S-6T6

**Name of Administrator /**

**Nom de l'administratrice**

**ou de l'administrateur :**

Elaine Calvert



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To St. Joseph's Health System, you are hereby required to comply with the following order(s) by the date(s) set out below:

**Order(s) of the Inspector**

Pursuant to section 153 and/or section 154 of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, S.O. 2007, c. 8

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**Order # /  
No d'ordre :** 001**Order Type /  
Genre d'ordre :** Compliance Orders, s. 153. (1) (a)**Linked to Existing Order /  
Lien vers ordre existant:** 2020\_729615\_0005, CO #001;**Pursuant to / Aux termes de :**

O.Reg 79/10, s. 50. (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,

- (a) a resident at risk of altered skin integrity receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff,
  - (i) within 24 hours of the resident's admission,
  - (ii) upon any return of the resident from hospital, and
  - (iii) upon any return of the resident from an absence of greater than 24 hours;
- (b) a resident exhibiting altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown, pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds,
  - (i) receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that is specifically designed for skin and wound assessment,
  - (ii) receives immediate treatment and interventions to reduce or relieve pain, promote healing, and prevent infection, as required,
  - (iii) is assessed by a registered dietitian who is a member of the staff of the home, and any changes made to the resident's plan of care relating to nutrition and hydration are implemented, and
  - (iv) is reassessed at least weekly by a member of the registered nursing staff, if clinically indicated;
- (c) the equipment, supplies, devices and positioning aids referred to in subsection (1) are readily available at the home as required to relieve pressure, treat pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds and promote healing; and
- (d) any resident who is dependent on staff for repositioning is repositioned every two hours or more frequently as required depending upon the resident's condition and tolerance of tissue load, except that a resident shall only be repositioned while asleep if clinically indicated. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2).

**Order / Ordre :**

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The licensee must be compliant with O.Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2).

Specifically, the licensee must:

- a) Ensure residents who exhibit altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown, pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds, receive a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that was specifically designed for skin and wound assessment and is documented.
- b) Ensure residents who exhibit altered skin integrity receive a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff upon return of the resident from the hospital and is documented.

**Grounds / Motifs :**

1. Compliance order #001 related to O. Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2) from inspection 2020\_729615\_0005 issued on February 27, 2020, with a compliance due date of April 15, 2020 is being re-issued as follows:

1. The licensee has failed to ensure that when three residents exhibited altered skin integrity, they received a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff upon return of the resident from the hospital.

On three different occasions, three residents with altered skin integrity were sent to hospital. There was no documented evidence that the residents received a skin assessment upon return from the hospital. During interviews, the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse acknowledged that the residents should have received a skin assessment upon the residents' return from the hospital. The home's failure to complete skin assessments posed a risk that the residents' altered skin integrity would worsen or posed a risk of not receiving required treatment for areas of impaired skin integrity.

Sources: the residents' progress notes and clinical records, interview with Administrator, Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse.

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2. The licensee has failed to ensure that when three residents exhibited altered skin integrity, they received a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that was specifically designed for skin and wound assessment.

On three different dates, three residents complained of pain, or discomfort, related to an altered skin integrity issue. There was no documented evidence that the residents received a skin and wound assessment when presenting altered skin integrity. During interviews, the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse acknowledged that the residents should have received a skin and wound assessments on those occasions. The home's failure to complete skin assessments posed a risk that the residents' altered skin integrity would worsen or posed a risk of not receiving required treatment for areas of impaired skin integrity.

The home's "Skin and Wound Care Management Program" policy stated, in part, that the registered staff are responsible for assessment of skin integrity, alterations in skin and care planning.

Sources: the home's "Skin and Wound Care Management Program" policy (last revised December 8, 2020), the residents' progress notes and clinical records, interviews with the Administrator, the Assistant Director of Care and a Registered Practical Nurse.

An order was made by taking the following factors into account:

**Severity:** The home's failure to complete skin assessments to the residents posed a risk that the residents' altered skin integrity would worsen.

**Scope:** This non-compliance was widespread as four out of four residents did not receive skin assessments when warranted and has the possibility to impact a large number of residents.

**Compliance history:** A compliance order (CO) is being re-issued for the licensee failing to comply with s. 50 (2) of O. Reg 79/10. This subsection was issued as a CO on February 27, 2020, during inspection #2020\_729615\_0005 with a

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compliance due date of April 15, 2020. In the past 36 months, eight other COs were issued to different sections of the legislation, all of which have been complied. (615)

**This order must be complied with /  
Vous devez vous conformer à cet ordre d'ici le :**

Nov 03, 2020

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**REVIEW/APPEAL INFORMATION****TAKE NOTICE:**

The Licensee has the right to request a review by the Director of this (these) Order(s) and to request that the Director stay this (these) Order(s) in accordance with section 163 of the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007.

The request for review by the Director must be made in writing and be served on the Director within 28 days from the day the order was served on the Licensee.

The written request for review must include,

- (a) the portions of the order in respect of which the review is requested;
- (b) any submissions that the Licensee wishes the Director to consider; and
- (c) an address for services for the Licensee.

The written request for review must be served personally, by registered mail, commercial courier or by fax upon:

Director  
c/o Appeals Coordinator  
Long-Term Care Inspections Branch  
Ministry of Long-Term Care  
1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5S 2B1  
Fax: 416-327-7603

When service is made by registered mail, it is deemed to be made on the fifth day after the day of mailing, when service is made by a commercial courier it is deemed to be made on the second business day after the day the courier receives the document, and when service is made by fax, it is deemed to be made on the first business day after the day the fax is sent. If the Licensee is not served with written notice of the Director's decision within 28 days of receipt of the Licensee's request for review, this(these) Order(s) is(are) deemed to be confirmed by the Director and the Licensee is deemed to have been served with a copy of that decision on the expiry of the 28 day period.

The Licensee has the right to appeal the Director's decision on a request for review of an Inspector's Order(s) to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (HSARB) in accordance with section 164 of the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007. The HSARB is an independent tribunal not connected with the Ministry. They are established by legislation to review matters concerning health care services. If the Licensee decides to request a hearing, the Licensee must, within 28 days of being served with the notice of the Director's decision, give a written notice of appeal to both:

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**Health Services Appeal and Review Board and the Director**

Attention Registrar  
Health Services Appeal and Review Board  
151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5S 1S4

Director  
c/o Appeals Coordinator  
Long-Term Care Inspections Branch  
Ministry of Long-Term Care  
1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor  
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Fax: 416-327-7603

Upon receipt, the HSARB will acknowledge your notice of appeal and will provide instructions regarding the appeal process. The Licensee may learn more about the HSARB on the website [www.hsarb.on.ca](http://www.hsarb.on.ca).

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**RENSEIGNEMENTS RELATIFS AUX RÉEXAMENS DE DÉCISION ET AUX APPELS****PRENEZ AVIS :**

Le/la titulaire de permis a le droit de faire une demande de réexamen par le directeur de cet ordre ou de ces ordres, et de demander que le directeur suspende cet ordre ou ces ordres conformément à l'article 163 de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée.

La demande au directeur doit être présentée par écrit et signifiée au directeur dans les 28 jours qui suivent la signification de l'ordre au/à la titulaire de permis.

La demande écrite doit comporter ce qui suit :

- a) les parties de l'ordre qui font l'objet de la demande de réexamen;
- b) les observations que le/la titulaire de permis souhaite que le directeur examine;
- c) l'adresse du/de la titulaire de permis aux fins de signification.

La demande de réexamen présentée par écrit doit être signifiée en personne, par courrier recommandé, par messagerie commerciale ou par télécopieur, au :

Directeur  
a/s du coordonnateur/de la coordonnatrice en matière d'appels  
Direction de l'inspection des foyers de soins de longue durée  
Ministère des Soins de longue durée  
1075, rue Bay, 11e étage  
Toronto ON M5S 2B1  
Télécopieur : 416-327-7603

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Quand la signification est faite par courrier recommandé, elle est réputée être faite le cinquième jour qui suit le jour de l'envoi, quand la signification est faite par messagerie commerciale, elle est réputée être faite le deuxième jour ouvrable après le jour où la messagerie reçoit le document, et lorsque la signification est faite par télécopieur, elle est réputée être faite le premier jour ouvrable qui suit le jour de l'envoi de la télécopie. Si un avis écrit de la décision du directeur n'est pas signifié au/à la titulaire de permis dans les 28 jours de la réception de la demande de réexamen présentée par le/la titulaire de permis, cet ordre ou ces ordres sont réputés être confirmés par le directeur, et le/la titulaire de permis est réputé(e) avoir reçu une copie de la décision en question à l'expiration de ce délai.

Le/la titulaire de permis a le droit d'interjeter appel devant la Commission d'appel et de révision des services de santé (CARSS) de la décision du directeur relative à une demande de réexamen d'un ordre ou des ordres d'un inspecteur ou d'une inspectrice conformément à l'article 164 de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée. La CARSS est un tribunal autonome qui n'a pas de lien avec le ministère. Elle est créée par la loi pour examiner les questions relatives aux services de santé. Si le/la titulaire décide de faire une demande d'audience, il ou elle doit, dans les 28 jours de la signification de l'avis de la décision du directeur, donner par écrit un avis d'appel à la fois à :

la Commission d'appel et de révision des services de santé et au directeur

À l'attention du/de la registrateur(e)  
Commission d'appel et de révision  
des services de santé  
151, rue Bloor Ouest, 9e étage  
Toronto ON M5S 1S4

Directeur  
a/s du coordonnateur/de la coordonnatrice en matière  
d'appels  
Direction de l'inspection des foyers de soins de longue durée  
Ministère des Soins de longue durée  
1075, rue Bay, 11e étage  
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À la réception de votre avis d'appel, la CARSS en accusera réception et fournira des instructions relatives au processus d'appel. Le/la titulaire de permis peut en savoir davantage sur la CARSS sur le site Web [www.hsb.on.ca](http://www.hsb.on.ca).

**Issued on this 9th day of October, 2020**

**Signature of Inspector /  
Signature de l'inspecteur :**

**Name of Inspector /  
Nom de l'inspecteur :** Helene Desabrais

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