

2018 REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS: THE FIRST EDITION WAS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS!

Baie-Comeau, November 8th, 2018 – The 2018 regional colloquium on neurocognitive disorders was held in Sept-Îles on October 24th and in Baie-Comeau on October 25th under theme “Strings”. The event organized by the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord attracted over 180 participants, including professionals and physicians of the CISSS from the whole region, as well as community organizations with a regional mission, representatives of aboriginal communities, and students and teachers of the Cégep de Sept-Îles.

Two renowned speakers shared their knowledge on normal aging and neurocognitive disorders: Dr. Claude Patry, family physician at the GMF de Loretteville and member of expert committees on Alzheimer’s disease, and Dr. Louis Verret, neurologist at the CHU de Québec and clinical researcher in the field of treatments for Alzheimer’s disease. These two speakers also offered physicians a workshop on neurological examination and medication.

Four intervenors from the region working in senior autonomy support also shared their concrete experiences on early identification and the support to natural caregivers. Moreover, Dr. Jamie Dow, medical advisor in road safety for the Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), virtually joined the event in order to offer a conference on driving and neurocognitive disorders.

Lively exchanges took place between the different partners in order to identify certain issues and challenges associated with the aging of the North Shore population and the increase of neurocognitive disorders, for seniors and their natural caregivers as well as for intervenors working with this clientele. Various courses of action to strengthen the service offer on the North Shore were also identified.

“Following those two days of training and networking, we feel a strong consensus concerning the importance of better tying up our actions in order to create a real care and support network for the population dealing with this type of problem, mentions Dyane Benoit, Director of the program supporting the autonomy of seniors. Moreover, one of the structuring actions, which is the regional deployment of the “phase 2 Alzheimer”, is already underway and it invites all intervenors to work together for the implementation of a continuum of integrated services taking the particularities of the region into consideration.”

Considering the high level of satisfaction and the numerous suggestions received from the participants following a survey, the organizing committee is already working hard to prepare the second edition of the colloquium, which will be held in the fall of 2019.

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