

Workshop 1: “Conducting Assessments with Impaired Elderly Clients.” The purpose of this workshop focuses on developing measurable care plans using a computerized Minimum Data Set (MDS) tool. Different variations of this data collection tool, has been mandated by governments in both Canada and the U.S. The workshop will demonstrate how the MDS tool is utilized with elderly clients in general, and then specifically with clients with cognitive or sensory impairments.

Outcomes: a) to provide a specific example of one MDS tool used in North America; b) to demonstrate techniques used to maintain a client directed assessment while using a mandated/prescribed tool; and c) to demonstrate techniques that can be used to facilitate the assessment of impaired clients.