

**Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care & Retirement Residence**

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Expressions of Sexual Intimacy	SECTION: S POLICY: 1
DATE: October 2017	Administrator's Signature: _____	

EXPRESSIONS OF SEXUAL INTIMACY

PURPOSE:

To promote the resident's Bill of Rights and ensure each resident's rights to freedom, privacy, confidentiality, and dignity. Residents who are assessed as being competent have the right to make their own informed decisions and choices.

In cases where the resident is not competent, expressions of sexual intimacy toward that resident within the Home shall be disallowed consistent with the values and priorities of the Leamington Mennonite Home.

PROCEDURE:

- Competency of residents shall be identified and notated by the Home's physician.
- Residents may not provide consent to sexual activity by indicating same in a POA document: i.e., they cannot indicate that, even if they become mentally incapable, they still wish to be sexually active.
- POA's may not consent to sexual activity on behalf of a resident that is incapable.
- Spouses who are not POA's, may not consent on behalf of their spouse who is a resident at the Home.
- Where the spouse who is a resident of the Home, and cognitively well, desires sexual activity with their spouse who is also a capable individual and lives within the Home, every effort shall be made by the Home to accommodate the couples wishes respecting privacy and confidentiality.
- Where the spouse who lives outside the Home, has a competent and able resident in our Home, and that couple desires sexual activity, the Home shall facilitate the transportation of that resident to a spousal home for that sexual activity.
- The Home shall provide training and education to staff, residents, and their families to ensure that when an expression of sexual intimacy is received, the appropriate action(s), as outlined above, are taken by the Home.
- The staff shall consult the Director of Care to discuss requests of residents and spouses and a further action plan developed in consultation with the Administrator.