



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Thursday July 18, 2024

Dear Interested Parties,

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) announced the launching of a project to develop a new Standard (Z2202) on **Equipment and Technologies in the Home and Community Care Environment** in September 2023 with an initial call for participation.

To undertake this work, we are seeking more experts from the user interest group to serve as volunteer members of the Technical Sub-Committee (TSC). The TSC members will work in collaboration to develop the content of the Standard through CSA's accredited Standards Development Process(es) and to address alignment and harmonization as applicable with relevant international and North American standards (ISO & ANSI)

If you are interested in participating as a member of this TSC, please submit your Resume along with the completed Application Form and a statement outlining your interest and ability to contribute to this work to **Taurai, Project Manager by August 9th (Friday), 4:00 pm EST at taurai.kurebwa@csagroup.org**. If you know of someone in your network who may be interested in this project, feel free to distribute this document.

We will be reviewing all applications over the coming weeks to confirm the Committee membership. **If you are interested in putting your name forward for the Chair or Vice Chair of this new TSC, please indicate so in your application and email.**

About CSA

CSA is a global organization dedicated to safety, social good, and sustainability. We are a leader in Standards Development in North America. Our mandate is to hold the future to a higher standard. The mission of CSA Group's Standard Development organization is to enhance the lives of Canadians through the advancement of standards in the public and private sectors. We are a leader in standards research, development, education, and advocacy. The technical and management standards are developed with the support of more than 10,000 members to improve safety, health, the environment, and economic efficiency in Canada and beyond.

About the TSC on Equipment and Technologies in the Home and Community Care Environment.

CSA has identified home and community as an important and evolving health care setting in Canada that requires standards to help ensure the safety, quality, and

efficiency of services as well as the health, safety, and well-being of Canadians. To steer this mission, CSA has constituted a Technical Committee on Home and Community Care (TC-HCC) that consists of subject matter experts from across Canada. The TC-HCC experts have identified the need for a national standard on equipment and technologies in the home and community care environment. The new TSC, which will be formed under the TC-HCC shall be responsible for preparing this new standard that will help support safe home and community care for persons receiving care, and staff providing care.

The standard provides requirements and recommendations to facilitate the application, management, and maintenance of equipment, and technologies, including that for information management, emergency planning, and communication to support the care continuum for patients transitioning to a home and community care setting. In addition, equipment selection, infrastructure requirements, set-up, and data management will also be addressed.

This Standard is intended to assist in adapting health care provision to technological changes, and in making investments that will improve the efficacy of care while prioritizing the safety, security, and privacy of both patients and staff and their personal health information.

About Membership in the new TSC

The TSC will strive for national representation (e.g., geography; demographic diversity) from the following stakeholder groups below. A TSC of approximately 15-20 members will be formed as part of CSA Group's standards development process. The call is seeking members who will be representing the following interest categories:

- **User Interest** – stakeholders who represent the user interest, specifically staff, care partners, and care seekers/clients, who are engaged in the selection, use, and maintenance of the equipment and technologies for health care in the home and community care settings. This could include Doctors, Personal Care Providers (e.g. Nurses, PSWs, Attendants, Paramedics), Care Partners, Clients/Patients/Care Seekers.
- **General Interest** – stakeholders who are not associated with the production, distribution, direct use, management, or regulation of equipment and technologies in home and community care settings. This includes those who hold an interest as consultants, non-governmental organizations, or those representing national organizations professional associations, or unions.

What is expected?

- Strong interest, knowledge, expertise, and experience in the topic area.
- Ability to represent a stakeholder category outlined above.

- Attendance at meetings over approximately 12 months.
- Ability to work in a multi-stakeholder environment, following the principles of consensus.
- Active participation and willingness to work on a TSC virtually and in person (where applicable).
- Standard development work outside of scheduled meetings (e.g., drafting, working group meetings, draft review, translation).

If you are interested in participating as a member of this TSC, please submit the following through an email to Taurai Kurebwa, Project Manager at taurai.kurebwa@csagroup.org by **4:00 pm EST, August 9th, 2024**.

- completed CSA Committee Membership Application Form.
- brief resume; and
- statement outlining your interest and ability to contribute to the work.

If you know of anyone in your network who may be interested in this topic area, feel free to distribute this email.

Please note that submission of your interest does not guarantee your position on the TSC, as there are limited spaces. We will review all applications and confirm the TSC membership status before the end of 2023. **If you are interested in putting your name forward for the Chair or Vice Chair of this new TSC, please indicate so in your email and CSA member application form.**

We recognize that active participation on a committee is a significant commitment, and we thank you for taking the time to apply. Please contact Taurai Kurebwa with any questions at taurai.kurebwa@csagroup.org.

We look forward to receiving your interest.

Best Regards,

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