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## **Ontario Improving Care for Patients with Complex Conditions In The Central East LHIN**

*Community Initiative in North East Durham Region Focuses on Coordinated Care,  
Reducing Hospital Admissions*

### **NEWS**

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Ontario is working together with the Central East LHIN and local health care teams in the north east municipalities of Durham Region to provide better, personalized care for seniors and patients with complex medical conditions.

Ontario is continuing to move forward with its plan to provide more coordinated care for patients through greater collaboration between different health care providers. A new initiative in north east Durham is focused on the five percent of patients with the highest needs, often with multiple, complex conditions, and who account for two-thirds of Ontario's health care dollars.

The Durham North East Health Link will provide patients with better care through individual care plans and co-ordinated support from a tightly knit team of providers that includes doctors, nurses, specialists, hospitals, home care, long-term care and community agencies. They work together to develop solutions that address each patient's specific needs.

Members of the Durham North East Health Link include:

- Alzheimer Society of Durham Region
- Brock Community Health Centre
- Canadian Mental Health Association Durham
- Central East CCAC
- Chartwell – The Wynfield Long Term Care Residence
- Clarington Family Health Organization
- Community Care Durham
- Durham Mental Health Services
- Glazier Medical Centre
- Lakeridge Health
- North Durham Family Health Team
- Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
- Oshawa Clinic
- Pinewood Centre
- Regional Municipality of Durham Social Services
- Oshawa Community Health Centre
- Oshawa Senior Citizen Centre



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Providing better care for seniors and patients with complex conditions supports [Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care](#). It is also part of the Ontario government's four part economic plan to build Ontario up by investing in people's talent and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

## QUOTE

“Ontario continues to integrate and improve access to health care — making health care more accessible and providing the kind of high needs continuous care in their homes and communities that works best for patients. We're focusing on ways to provide seniors and patients with high needs with continuous care in their homes and prevent avoidable hospital admissions.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“These new initiatives will make it easier for seniors and patients with complex conditions to get the care they need. Health providers in north east Durham are working together to improve patient outcomes for those who need care the most.”

— Granville Anderson MPP, Durham

## QUICK FACTS

- Health Links have expanded to 67 in communities across Ontario. .
- In order to establish a Health Link, strong representation from local primary care providers and the Community Care Access Centre is required.

## LEARN MORE

- [Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Health Links](#).
- [A short video that explains Health Links](#)

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