



### **CENTRAL EAST LHIN WELCOMES NEW PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS** *Minister announces new NP-led clinics and Family Health Teams*

#### **NEWS**

August 25, 2010

Recent announcements by Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care will mean that more patients in Ontario will have access to family health care thanks to 14 new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics being created throughout the province and 30 new Family Health Teams.

At events on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>, Minister Matthews talked about how the addition of these new clinics and teams are a key part of the government's Open Ontario Plan to provide more access to health care services while improving quality and accountability for patients.

In the Central East LHIN two new NP-led clinics in Peterborough and Scarborough and three new Family Health Teams in Port Perry, Cobourg and Scarborough are welcome additions to the system of care already in place through existing primary care providers, hospitals, community support services, long term care homes, community mental health and addiction services, community health centres and the Community Care Access Centre.

#### **QUOTES**

“These new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics and Family Health Teams play an important role in supporting patients so that they don't have to go to the emergency departments and in reducing the impact of vascular disease,” said Foster Loucks, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors. “This is aligned with the Central East LHIN's strategic aims for the health care system over the next three years.”

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### QUICK FACTS

- The [Central East LHIN Primary Care Working Group](#) involves physicians, nurse practitioners, community health centre and long term care leaders and others from across the LHIN who provide expert advice to the Central East LHIN on current and emerging trends and issues in primary health care and population health.

### LEARN MORE

To learn more about the 14 new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics and the 30 new Family Health Teams, please see the pages that follow.

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## More Nurse Practitioner Clinics Coming To Ontario

*McGuinty Government Expanding Access To Care For Patients, Families*

### NEWS

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More patients in Ontario will have access to family health care thanks to 14 new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics being created throughout the province.

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics, which offer a team-based approach to frontline health care, are opening in communities across the province over the coming months. It is expected that all 25 clinics in the province will be operational in 2012, with most opening up sooner. These clinics will improve access to primary care for more than 40,000 Ontarians.

Nurse practitioners are able to treat common illnesses and injuries, and order lab tests, X-rays and other diagnostic tests. Nurse practitioners work with doctors, nurses and other health care providers at the clinic.

Today's announcement is a key part of the government's [Open Ontario Plan](#) to provide more access to health care services while improving quality and accountability for patients.

### QUOTES

"Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics are becoming an integral part of health care in Ontario. This investment means more access to quality health care closer to home for Ontarians."

- Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"We are delighted with Minister Deb Matthews' announcement today and we are eager for these 14 NP-Led Clinics to open their doors to the public as soon as possible. Ontarians living in these communities are the real winners of today's announcement, as they will experience improved access to primary care."

- Doris Grinspun, Executive Director of RNAO

"Nurse practitioners have a vital role to play in providing valued health services to Ontarians. The NPAO welcomes the addition of 14 more nurse practitioner-led clinics."

- Paula Carere, President of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario

### QUICK FACTS

- Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics will work with public health units and other community-based health care providers to focus on services such as managing chronic disease, preventing disease, and health promotion
- Ontario's first nurse practitioner clinic opened in Sudbury in 2007 and provides primary health care to about 3,000 patients
- Ontarians can be connected to Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics through [Health Care Connect](#) and [Your Health Care Options](#).

### LEARN MORE

Read more about [Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics](#).

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## Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics In Ontario

August 23, 2010

Ontario's Family Health Care for All Strategy continues to focus on improving access to family health care and reducing the number of unattached patients through the creation of 25 Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics.

It is expected that all 25 Nurse practitioner led clinics in Ontario will be operational in 2012, with most opening up sooner. These clinics will improve access to primary care for more than 40,000 Ontarians.

The 25 nurse practitioner-led interprofessional teams will include nurse practitioners, family physicians, and other providers such as nurses, social workers and dieticians all working together to see more patients and keep them healthy.

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics will focus on delivering comprehensive primary care services to unattached patients and offering additional programs tailored to the needs of their communities. Like Family Health Teams, they will support increasing chronic disease management and prevention, including the Ontario Diabetes Strategy.

### **Fourteen New Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics:**

<b>NPLC Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>LHIN</b>
Georgina	Sutton	Central
North York West NPLC	Toronto	Central
VON NPLC "360 Degrees"	Peterborough	Central East
Making Connections NPLC	Scarborough	Central East
Twin Bridges NPLC	Sarnia	Erie St. Clair
Niagara NPLC	Niagara Falls South	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
Capreol NPLC	Capreol (North of Sudbury)	North East
Central Algoma NPLC	Thessalon	North East
North Bay NPLC	North Bay	North East
North Muskoka NPLC	Huntsville	North Simcoe Muskoka
Smith Falls NPLC	Smith Falls	South East
Ingersoll NPLC	Ingersoll	South West
Health Zone NPLC	London	South West
Waterloo Region NPLC	Kitchener	Waterloo Wellington

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## New Family Health Teams Increasing Access to Care

*McGuinty Government Helping Provide Better Care Closer To Home*

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Ontario is creating 30 new Family Health Teams across the province to provide better access to family health care.

Family Health Teams provide care closer to home by bringing together health care professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers and dietitians. Working together, they offer quality team-based care while also attaching more patients who don't have a regular family doctor to one in their community. They also help reduce demand on hospital emergency departments by providing non-emergency care.

The addition of 30 new teams meets Ontario's commitment to create 200 [Family Health Teams](#). Family Health Teams are currently providing care to over 2.3 million Ontarians and serving over 393,000 previously unattached patients.

Today's announcement is a key part of the government's [Open Ontario Plan](#) to provide more access to health care services while improving quality and accountability for patients.

### QUOTES

"What makes these Family Health Teams so valuable is that each one is developed with the needs of the community in mind. These additional 30 new teams will provide even greater access to quality health care for people in the community."

- Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"We are thrilled with today's announcement of an additional 30 Family Health Teams opening their doors province-wide. These teams will not only provide Ontarians with access to a doctor in their community, but to a team of health care professionals that can provide patient-centred care."

- Dr. Mark McLeod, President, OMA

### QUICK FACTS

- More than 900,000 Ontarians have been attached to a family doctor, since 2003.
- It is expected that once all 200 teams are operational, they will provide access to primary care for more than three million Ontarians.
- As of 2009, there were 2,886 more doctors providing services to Ontario patients than in 2003
- Ontarians without a family health care provider can register with [Health Care Connect](#), a program that helps people find a family doctor or nurse practitioner in their community.
- Ontario has also announced 25 Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics which are expected to care for more than 40,000 people.

### LEARN MORE

Find out more about [Family Health Teams](#) .

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## Family Health Teams

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Ontario continues to improve access to family health care and reduce the number of Ontarians who don't have a family physician. A key part of this strategy is the creation of 30 new Family Health Teams (FHTs). There are currently 170 teams in various stages of development and implementation.

Family Health Teams deliver comprehensive health care services and offer additional programs tailored to the needs of their communities, including seeing patients who do not have a family doctor.

Seventeen of the 30 successful Family Health Team applicants have committed to support the delivery of French Language Health Services in their new FHT.

### 30 New Family Health Teams

FHT	LOCATION	LHIN
Don Mills FHT	Toronto	Central
Humber River FHT	Toronto	Central
Woodbridge Medical Centre FHT *	Woodbridge	Central
North Durham FHT	Port Perry	Central East
Northumberland Hills FHT	Cobourg	Central East
East GTA FHT *	Scarborough	Central East
Brampton East	Brampton	Central West
Queen Square Doctors FHT	Brampton	Central West
Arnprior and District FHT *	Arnprior	Champlain
Rideau Valley Champlain FHT *	Barrhaven	Champlain
Équipe de sante familiale académique Monfort *	Ottawa	Champlain
Family First FHT *	Orleans	Champlain
Welland McMaster FHT *	Welland	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
Tansley Woods FHT	Burlington	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
Oakville FHT	Oakville	Mississauga Halton
Huron Shores FHT * **	Blind River	North East
Baawaating FHT * **	Sault Ste. Marie	North East
Superior FHT *	Sault Ste. Marie	North East
Great Northern FHT *	New Liskeard	North East
The West Nipissing FHT * **	Sturgeon Falls	North East
Powassan and Area FHT *	Powassan	North East



Thunder Bay FHT (+ Academics)* **	Thunder Bay	North West
Amherstview FHT	Amherstview	South East
Hanover FHT	Hanover	South West
Kincardine FHT	Kincardine	South West
Four Countries FHT	Newbury	South West
Queen West Village FHT *	Toronto	Toronto Central
West Park FHT	Toronto	Toronto Central
Sunnybrook FHT *	Toronto	Toronto Central
Mango Tree FHT *	Guelph	Waterloo Wellington

\*Provides French Language Services

\*\*Serves First Nations

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