

MEDIA ADVISORY

REGIONAL DIABETES COORDINATION CENTRE FOR THE CENTRAL EAST LHIN NOW OPEN *Local media and health care providers invited to attend Open House*

The Regional Diabetes Coordination Centre for the Central East LHIN is holding an open house to welcome those in the community who work in diabetes education to launch this new initiative and celebrate the opening of its new location in Ajax.

Date: Wednesday November 17, 2010

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Location: 8 Old Kingston Road, Ajax, 2nd floor

In November 2009, the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion announced a broad range of programs under the Ontario Diabetes Strategy including the launch of 14 Diabetes Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) sites, one in each of the Local Health Integration Networks across Ontario.

RCCs do not provide direct patient services, but instead work with their LHIN and service providers to determine service needs and gaps and strategies to address them, and provide tools and resources to support integration of best practices leading to enhanced patient outcomes. These centres will leverage local resources and existing expertise to ensure integration of diabetes services across the continuum of care, from prevention to primary and tertiary care. This will give individuals living with diabetes - or at risk of developing it - access to the services they need.

The Director of the RCC, Marsha Watts says, "Ontario shows real leadership in supporting a coordinated response to diabetes in Ontario. The team here in the Central East LHIN is very excited about the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of those with diabetes."

About the Ontario Diabetes Strategy

Ontario has set targets and is tracking progress in its fight against diabetes: These targets include:

- Ensuring all people with diabetes have access to a primary health care provider.
- Ensuring that 80 per cent of people with diabetes, aged 18 and older have all three diabetes tests, cholesterol, a retinal eye exam and the HbA1C test (a measure of blood sugar control) within the recommended guideline period for optimal diabetes management.
- Having 35 per cent of all dialysis patients receive their dialysis at home.
- Ensuring that the Insulin Pumps and Supplies Program for Adults meets its target of 1,342 new approved applicants for funding for insulin pumps and supplies.
- Increasing the number of annual bariatric surgeries to 2,085 a year by 2011/2012.

As part of the ongoing effort to improve the health and health care of Ontarians, the Ontario Diabetes Strategy (ODS) will help people with diabetes and those who are at high risk of developing it.

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