



OXFORD

ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

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TOGETHER IN COORDINATED CARE

What is an Ontario Health Team?

Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) are groups of health providers and organizations that are clinically and fiscally accountable for delivering a **full and coordinated continuum of care** to a defined region.

Through an Ontario Health Team, **patients will experience easier transitions from one provider to another**, including, for example, between hospitals and home care providers.

Learn more about the Oxford and Area Ontario Health Team by visiting our website:

www.oxfordandareaohht.com



It's official! The Ministry of Health has approved our full application and we are now designated as the Oxford and Area Ontario Health Team (OHT). This means that our team is now able to proceed with the implementation of year-one initiatives.

What are the year-one initiatives?

We will be focusing on improving care for three priority populations. They are:

- **People with multiple chronic conditions.**
- **People with palliative care needs.**
- **People experiencing challenges related to mental health and addictions.**

The Oxford and Area OHT will focus our efforts in these three areas, before expanding this care model to our entire region.

What does this mean for patients? Patients in the Oxford region will continue to access their care providers as they always have. What patients should notice over time, is that care providers are working together as a more coordinated team.

The goal is to provide patients with 24/7 care navigation, a single number to call with any questions or concerns, and access to their health information so that they can play a more informed role in their care.

Because healthcare providers are working together as a team, the patient's story, chart and care plan will follow them throughout their healthcare journey.

What are the next steps?



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Over the coming months we will...

PLAN

- Establish detailed project plans for the implementation of year-one initiatives.
- Establish key performance metrics.
- Establish our Collective Decision-Making Arrangement, as OHTs will receive one funding envelope.

ENGAGE

- Engage the communities we serve through newsletters, website and social media.
- Conduct community engagement sessions (e.g. virtual town hall meetings.)
- Promote subscribing to OHT updates online through the Oxford and Area OHT website.



DEVELOP

- A Communications Plan.
- Detailed workflows and pathways for implementation, including navigation and patient relations processes.
- Initiate development of digital solutions (resources required) and planning for future.

REFLECT

- Review membership of all Action Teams and Councils to ensure broad and diverse representation, and recruit as necessary.

Please note: COVID-19 Wave 2 surges may require the Oxford and Area OHT to adjust timelines and priorities as needed.

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