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WHAT EXPERTS ARE SAYING ABOUT ONTARIO'S WAIT TIME STRATEGY

“Ontario has moved from being a laggard to being a leader in the field of wait time management.”

Ruth Collins-Nakai, president of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA); Owen Adams, CMA's assistant secretary general, research, policy and planning; Marcel Saulnier, CMA's director, research and policy development.

“The early initiatives (in the Wait Time strategy) have been positive. There is a cultural change occurring . . . Several key initiatives, including collecting and publishing wait time information and outlining specific areas of accountability, are important first steps.” Dr. Christopher Carruthers, chief of staff, The Ottawa Hospital

“(Ontario's Wait Time Strategy) is, in large part, fundamental reform of health care in Ontario . . . a viable strategy for ‘doing something’ about achieving timely care and sustaining wait time reduction. It is time to embrace it.” Peter Glynn, health care consultant, Kingston

“The rigour and discipline with which this (Wait Time) initiative has been launched bodes well for its success. One would expect that hospitals in Ontario will perform more cancer, cardiac, cataract, hip and knee, and diagnostic procedures in the coming years.” Ida Goodreau, president and CEO, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

“ . . . in a relatively short period the province has made tremendous progress . . . And it is only the beginning of an ongoing process to improve access to and reduce wait times for a broad range of health care services.” Peggy Leatt, chair and professor, University of North Carolina's department of health policy and administration school of public health

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