

## **How LHINs Are Good For Your Health**

### **Building A True System – Delivering Better Care**

On November 24, 2005, the Ontario government introduced historic health care legislation. The Local Health System Integration Act 2005 will, if passed, change forever the way our health care system is managed by placing patients squarely at the centre. The vehicle for doing that is Local Health Integration Networks, or LHINs.

The goal of LHINs is to restore equity to Ontario's health care system, ensuring quality care for every patient, in every community, in the province.

### **Health Care Choices By The Community, For The Community**

Under LHINs, community health care priorities would be identified at the local level, by people closer to what is really going on.

### **We're All In This Together**

The health care system belongs to the people of this province; they're the ones who depend on it and who pay for it. LHINs would, along with the new Ontario Health Quality Council, involve Ontarians in the health care conversation, giving them a chance to participate in decisions about the health care system in their communities.

### **Transparency, Accountability And Responsibility**

LHINs would ensure that health care dollars are spent in the most efficient and effective way possible, yielding the best results possible. Accountability agreements between health care providers and LHINs, and between LHINs and the government, would ensure the responsible use of precious health care resources, and the sustainability of the health care system for generations to come.

### **A System With Patients At The Centre**

The health care system has not always been an easy one to navigate. LHINs would change that, breaking down the barriers that patients face, and ensuring that decisions are made in the interests of patient care.

For more information about LHINs, visit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at [www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca) or the LHIN website at [www.lhins.on.ca](http://www.lhins.on.ca).