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MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE METHODS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

The McGuinty government is sponsoring a number of innovative models of service delivery that are changing how health care is accessed in Ontario.

Champlain Regional Cancer Plan (Champlain LHIN)

The Champlain Regional Cancer Plan is a partnership between all cancer hospitals in the Champlain LHIN, centered around The Ottawa Hospital. The partners are working to develop a comprehensive, coordinated strategy for cancer management in the region.

This innovative model will improve access to quality cancer surgery and decrease wait times by not only working together to maximize capacity throughout the LHIN, setting regional standards, and developing communities of practice but also by better aligning resources and redistributing cancer surgery appropriately across the region using real-time performance data.

The Regional Assessment Centre, located at The Ottawa Hospital will serve as the hub for the region and as the gateway for access to cancer services. Based on a common set of mutually determined standards and linked performance data, regional institutions will develop unique satellite cancer programs based on their own capacity and community needs.

North York General Hospital – Markham Stouffville Hospital Hip and Knee Common Joint Assessment Centre (Central LHIN)

The Hip and Knee Common Joint Assessment Centre is being developed at North York General Hospital's Branson site. This assessment centre will be a resource for the Central LHIN with a goal to enable orthopaedic surgeons to spend less time in the office and more time in the operating room. This process will be assisted by a specially trained team of interdisciplinary staff, working in partnership with orthopaedic surgeons, assessing and case managing patients requiring primary joint assessment. This will lead to increased efficiency in the operating room, comprehensive disease management, coordinated use of resources and reduced wait lists.

Kensington Eye Institute (Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN))

The Kensington Eye Institute is a Centre of Excellence for the delivery of cataract surgery. Opened in January, 2006, the Institute performs basic cataract surgeries, freeing up hospital operating rooms for more complex surgeries. The Institute's unique model of care delivery enables patients to be referred directly to the centre and see the first available surgeon. It has already completed more than 4,025 procedures to date and will be able to perform more than 6,700 procedures annually.

Holland Orthopaedic and Arthritic Centre (Toronto Central LHIN)

The Holland Orthopaedic and Arthritic Centre (HOAC), a part of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, is being developed as a Centre of Excellence for total hip and knee replacement surgery.

The centre is bringing a number of innovative approaches to accessing health care and is the hub of a Toronto Central LHIN Joint Health and Disease Management Program. The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve access and reduce wait times for hip and knee replacement surgery.
- Increase cost-effectiveness and efficiencies as a result of an integrated model of care and surgical room efficiencies.
- Improve quality of care for patients, through the development and implementation of best practice guidelines.

The HOAC will play a key role in the design and implementation of a training program for advanced practice roles, including: Registered Nurse First Assistants, Anaesthesia Assistants, Nurse Practitioners and Advanced Practice Physical Therapists.

The HOAC also boasts Canada's largest team of musculoskeletal specialists, treats more than 30,000 ambulatory patients and performs more than 4,000 surgical procedures a year. It is recognized nationally for the complex surgeries performed, strength in patient focused care and innovative approaches to research, treatment and rehabilitation.

Peri-Operative Coaching Teams (Province-Wide)

The coaching teams work with hospitals to explore innovative ways to improve efficiencies, and help hospital staff include best practices in their daily activities.

The teams are made up of peers with experience managing hospital resources. Coaches assist hospital staff in clearly defining gaps and when needed, provide advice on how local hospital staff can improve their methods, standardize processes and implement best practices.

This innovative approach shifts how hospitals problem solve and drive improvements from an external process to finding internal solutions, developing a system where participants communicate, share and learn from each other.

Surgical Efficiency Targets Program (Province-Wide)

This program will standardize the measurement of operating room performance in Ontario's hospitals, improve operating room management, and increase quality of service.

Patients will see an increase in access to the care they require as hospitals increase the number of surgeries they are able to perform. On a provincial level, for the first time ever, the Ministry will have clear and reliable data describing operating room performance in Ontario hospitals. This data will allow the province to set and pursue surgical efficiency targets.

Total Joint Replacement Program (Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN)

Hamilton Health Sciences is partnering with other hospitals in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN, to establish a total joint replacement program that will increase capacity to perform hip and knee joint replacements. The program will also include a new assessment clinic, which will make referrals to the first available surgeon, allowing patients to be prioritized according to the urgency of their condition rather than the timing of the referral, the length of the wait list or the capacity of an

individual surgeon. In addition, this program will also include:

- Pre and post-operative conditioning and rehabilitation schedules delivered in cooperation with YMCA and local Community Care Access Centres (CCAC);
- Pre-operative health education; and
- Formal communication for case management by primary care providers.

Regional Eye Medicine and Eye Surgery Centre (Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN)

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, in partnership with other hospitals within the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN is developing a centralized referral system for cataract surgery which will increase surgical volumes by 1,200 cataract surgeries this year, with the potential for even greater future expansion. The centre will make it easier for ophthalmologists from multiple sites in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN to access ambulatory facilities at the Regional Eye Medicine and Eye Surgery Centre. A major focus of the centre will be on providing a primary outpatient program with a strong focus on eye diseases associated with aging and the promotion of eye health.

Integrated Plan for Total Joint Replacement Surgery (Central West LHIN)

A number of local-area hospitals and Community Care Access Centres (CCACs) are partnering to develop a centralized wait list, a joint protocol for the transfer of patients between facilities, and a cross-credentialing system where physicians will be able to perform surgeries at various sites. This model will improve patient access across the region, shorten lengthy wait lists for joint replacement surgery, and increase overall health system efficiency.

Integrated Model of Care for Total Joint Disease (North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN)

Local area hospitals and CCACs are working together to offer a single-point of entry and referral to the first available surgeon in the region. This initiative will increase the local surgical capacity, standardize pre-surgery preparations, and strengthen the communication and integration with local CCACs for post procedure care. This collaborative approach will ensure a seamless continuum of care for patients in a timely manner and will make the most efficient use of health care resources.

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