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The Great River Insider

A Newsletter for Primary Care Providers of the Great River Ontario Health Team (OHT)

Join us on WhatsApp!

Be part of our journey! If you're curious about the positive changes coming for you and your patients, join our WhatsApp group. It's a great space to learn more and share your thoughts on important topics. To kick things off, we're asking for your input in our first poll: **AI Scribe vs. SCOPE - what's your priority?**



Click here to join the group "Great River Primary Care Network" and share your voice! You can also email **Dr. Crabtree** to be added to the group.

Action to Reduce Administrative Burden in Primary Care



On October 2nd, the Great River OHT held three training sessions on Evidence2Practice's EMR-Integrated Management Tool for Chronic Conditions. The morning session was intended for technicians, administrators & non-clinical staff, the afternoon session's focus was for nursing & allied health staff, and the evening session was tailored for family doctors & NPs. Thanks to all the participants, and thanks to Kathy Irwin from the **eHealth Centre for Excellence** and Silvana Ferrara from the **Centre for Effective Practice** for the presentations.

If you missed the event, you can bring the Evidence2Practice Tool to your EMR to minimize your documentation burden and support use of best practice guidelines for chronic disease management, all while optimizing your billing: cep.health/e2p/primary-care-tools/

You can also self schedule a convenient short (30 min) education session to optimize your time learning about new drugs and treatment guidelines for various conditions: cep.health/academic-detailing/



SAVE THE DATE! OPTIMIZING HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT

Join us on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for a 2-hour virtual event dedicated to enhancing care for patients with heart failure. Learn more about the updated E2P EMR-Integrated Management Tool for Heart Failure, explore the Brain-Heart Interconnectome research project, and hear from a cardiologist about the latest updates to the Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) guidelines. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge and improve patient outcomes, while simultaneously reducing cognitive and documentation burden. **Click here to register.**

RSV Parent Fact Sheets

The Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health (PCMCH) has created fact sheets on the prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in infants and high-risk children. These resources can help your office to provide reliable information and guidance for parents and can be used by your staff to support the fall 2024 launch of the expanded infant and high-risk children RSV prevention program in Ontario.

The fact sheet for parents is available in several languages. [Click here to access the PCMCH resources.](#)



Similarly, the Centre for Effective Practice (CEP) has collated various resources to help primary care clinicians navigate the new RSV Prevention Program including understanding how you can implement Beyfortus (Nirsevimab) administration in your practice.

[Click here to access the CEP tool.](#)

HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTION RECOVERY TREATMENT (HART) HUBS



In August, the Ontario Government announced a ban on supervised drug consumption sites within 200 meters of schools and child care centres. This decision will lead to the closure of nine provincially-funded sites and one self-funded site. There are no sites affected by this change in the Great River OHT region.

Concurrently, the Ministry of Health (MOH) revealed an investment of up to \$378 million to support a three-year project aimed at establishing 19 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs. Ten of these new Hubs, including two Indigenous-focused ones, are to be identified for funding through a Call for Proposal which was due October 18th.

The Great River OHT was proud to support the submission of a proposal led by the Canadian Mental Health Association of Champlain East and the City of Cornwall. Key partners were actively involved in the planning efforts and letters of support were provided and included with the submission.

For more information, [click here.](#)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - GREAT RIVER OHT STEERING COMMITTEE

The Great River OHT's Steering Committee is welcoming Expressions of Interest (EOI) from interested Core Partners to fill the following 4 member seats:

- 2 Primary Care Clinicians (Physician or NP) vacancies
- 1 Indigenous representation vacancy
- 1 vacancy looking specifically for the following representation: visible minority, private health care sector

Please see the [EOI Application Form](#) and [Terms of Reference](#) for more information.

Applications are to be submitted to Diane Plourde by Friday, November 15th at d.plourde@cscestrie.on.ca.

CANCER SCREENING

Cancer Screening Program for Residents Who Don't Have a Primary Care Provider: The Eastern Ontario Health Unit has partnered with the Champlain Regional Cancer Program to improve access to vital cancer screening through the Screening Outreach Program for residents of the Champlain region (including the EOHU region) who do not have a primary care provider (family physician or nurse practitioner). [Learn more.](#)

Physician-Linked Correspondence: Would you like Cancer Care Ontario to send out cancer screening letters for you? [If so, sign up here.](#)

BLACK HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS DIRECTORY

A new directory of Black healthcare professionals across Canada has been launched, with the goal to help improve access to practitioners for Black Canadians. If you are, or know a Canadian-based healthcare professional who self-identifies as Black, the Black Healthcare Professionals Network now has a directory you can join for free. [Click here for the directory.](#)

PEER CONNECT PROGRAM FOR OCFP MEMBERS

OCFP's Peer Connect gives you access to peer support for managing patients with Mental Health, Substance Use Health and/or Chronic Pain conditions.

Peer Connect provides an empowering space to continue your learning journey in one-to-one or small group settings. Through this free, MainPro-certified program, you'll receive tailored support to skillfully respond to mental health issues, address substance use disorders, and chronic pain challenges in your practice, while also making space to prioritize and strengthen your own well-being. [Learn more.](#)

East Region VIRTUAL CARE CLINIC

Book a Virtual Appointment With a Nurse Practitioner



DID YOU KNOW? The ERVCC is accessible to all Eastern Ontario residents and there is **no negation** for family physicians when your patients use it because the services are provided by Nurse Practitioners (NP). The ERVCC provide consultations 7 days a week, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., by phone or videoconference

[Learn more.](#)