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## The Great River Insider

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

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- EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES
- APRIL 10 PCN MEETING
- PCN STEERING COMMITTEE
- UPCOMING WORKING GROUPS
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION
- AND MORE

## Exciting Opportunities for Primary Care Providers!

Aimed at enhancing Primary Care Network (PCN) development, new opportunities are available for primary care providers within the Great River Ontario Health Team. These opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. With funding needing to be allocated before March 31, it's important to contact us as soon as possible to secure your spot. If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to Dr. Crabtree via [email](#) or [WhatsApp](#).



### TALI AI PROJECT

We will be launching a six-week trial of Tali AI (six weeks free). This is an excellent opportunity to explore the potential of AI in your practice. The trial will be available to a limited number of providers. If the trial proves successful, there's also the potential for a co-payment for a one-year subscription.



### PCN NURSE PROJECT

If your practice is not currently supported by a team and you're interested in having a nurse to assist with chronic disease management at no cost, don't hesitate to contact us. A nurse will be allocated to support your clinic and helping manage patients with chronic conditions.



### PRACTICE FACILITATOR

An eHealth Centre of Excellence (eCE) Practice Facilitator is available on a part-time basis to help primary care clinics optimize their workflows and digital processes (assistance with Ocean, e-Referral, e-Consult, E2P Toolbar for Chronic Disease, AI Scribe support, automation tools like the Cody Bot, etc.).



### TRAINING

Funding is also available for various training opportunities. Whether it's Indigenous Cultural Safety Training, leadership development, patient and caregiver engagement, or micro-credential training, we can help support your professional growth. Any proposed training will need to be approved for budgeting purposes.

## JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PRIMARY CARE NETWORK MEETING!

We are excited to invite you to our next **in-person Great River OHT's Primary Care Network meeting on Thursday, April 10th, from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, at the Royal Canadian Air Force Association in Cornwall. This engaging event will feature insightful presentations, a cocktail & dinner, and a keynote speech and dynamic discussion led by **Dr. Dominik Nowak, President of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA)**. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and gain valuable insights from one of the leading voices in healthcare. [To register, click here.](#)

## PCN STEERING COMMITTEE

In 2024, Ontario Health (OH) directed OHTs to engage primary care in establishing Primary Care Networks (PCNs). In response, the Primary Health Care Clinicians Table (PHCCT) requested the merger of similar groups (PHCCT, Primary Care Project Team and IPC Team) to form the Great River OHT PCN Steering Committee. The Primary Care Project Team has been sunset, with IPC Team representation now added to the PHCCT, and two Lived Experience Partners included to broaden perspectives. Over the next 12-24 months, additional groups may also join.

The PCN Steering will operate under the current PHCCT Terms of Reference until the PCN Toolkit from OH is released. This will provide guidance for governance and project development as the PCN matures, with primary care projects becoming working groups under the PCN Steering Committee.



## GET INVOLVED! JOIN A WORKING GROUP

Potential working groups under consideration include **Heart Failure Integrated Care Pathway Working Group** and **Diabetes Standardized Management Working Group** leveraging the four DEP's developed Stepped Care work. If you're interested, contact Dr. Crabtree via [email](#) or [WhatsApp](#). Your participation will be compensated.

Furthermore, the Great River OHT has reserved two seats for MDs and NPs at the decision-making table (Steering Committee). It's crucial that priorities and funding decisions are co-led by clinicians like you to ensure they align with your needs. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact [Diane Plourde](#).



Please join us **on February 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for a virtual presentation in recognition of Black History Month. César Ndéma-Moussa is a visionary leader and advocate for universal Pan-Africanism, dedicated to empowering Black voices and fostering collective unity, understanding, and equity. See the [poster](#) for more information and [click here to register](#).

## OPTIMIZING HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT WEBINAR

On January 15th, the PCN hosted a 2-hour virtual event, "Optimizing Heart Failure Management Webinar," attended by over 30 physicians and nurse practitioners. Key topics included **updates to CHF guidelines** (Dr. Kamal Sharma and Dr. Roland Sabbagh), **social prescribing for heart failure** (Dr. Paulo Antunes), and **a new version of the E2P Heart Failure Management Tool** (Kathy Irwin). The event concluded with a discussion on developing a heart failure integrated care pathway within our OHT. **To view the recording, click here.**

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