



JUNE 2026

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The Great River Insider

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

Open to Physicians, NPs, and Staff
from all Primary Care Practices!

Primary Care Network (PCN)
In-Person Event at the McIntosh Inn, Morrisburg

SEPT. 23
Register Now!

RSVP: forms.office.com/r/rdNRduDCQB

1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**PCN Nurse, Chronic Disease Nurse,
and Best Care:**

These fully funded programs are available to be added to your practice. Learn how!

Help Improve Hospital Reports:

CCH and Atlas Alliance tech team members are looking for your input.

Mental Health & Addictions:

What's available, what's new and how you and your patients can access these services.

The event will conclude with a cocktail, dinner, and networking opportunity.

BIG NEWS FOR PRIMARY CARE ACCESS IN THE REGION

\$5.1 MILLION+

has been invested in four team-based primary care models to connect up to

13,000

UNATTACHED RESIDENTS
to primary care providers!

This collaborative initiative brings together **Seaway Valley CHC**, **CSC de l'Estrie**, **Glengarry NPLC**, and **Rideau St. Lawrence FHT**.

The Great River OHT's PCN continues to explore opportunities to expand this collaboration, helping more residents access connected, team-based care. Ontario Health has recognized our PCN as a strong example of what collaboration can achieve for local communities.

Read MPP Nolan Quinn's announcement.



WE DID IT! 🎉🎉🎉 A Primary Care Milestone Achieved Together

Primary care partners successfully attached:
~2,197 INDIVIDUALS
from the pre-January 2025
HCC wait list

Work is now underway to support attachment for residents on the current **Health Care Connect (HCC)** wait list and through other priority pathways. We extend our sincere appreciation to the following organizations for their ongoing commitment to improving access to primary care: Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie, Glengarry Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, McConnell Medical Centre, Rideau St. Lawrence FHT and its associated FHO practices, and Seaway Valley CHC.

Through our **Supported Attachment program**, all practices have access to assistance with attaching new patients if they have capacity. Reach out to **Dr. Crabtree** if interested in receiving support.



[Click here to access the HCC Primary Care Clinician Fact Sheet.](#)

STEERING COMMITTEE: BE THE VOICE OF PRIMARY CARE IN YOUR OHT



The Great River Ontario Health Team has reserved two seats for primary care clinicians (physicians and/or nurse practitioners) at the OHT's decision-making table, the **Steering Committee**. It's crucial that priorities and funding decisions are co-led by clinicians like you to ensure they align with your needs.

The commitment is approximately 2 hours per month, with meetings held from **5:00–7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in September**. This is a paid role if you are not compensated by your home organization for participation.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact **d.plourde@cscestrie.on.ca**.



ONTARIO HEALTH MOVING TO "AXE THE FAX"

As part of the Patients Before Paperwork initiative, Ontario Health has now issued **Operational Direction** to hospitals, primary care, community-based specialists and mental health and addictions providers to **onboard and adopt eReferral Ontario by March 31, 2027.**

AS OF MARCH 31, 2026:

62% OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
and
31% OF SPECIALISTS
are onboarded to eReferral

If you are not yet using eReferral, please **complete this expression of interest form** to get in the queue for onboarding ASAP, **or reach out to our PCN Practice Facilitator, Angela Martin.**

**EQUIP - Embedding
Quality Improvement into
Practice**

ACCESS KIDNEY PROGRAM

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is often underdiagnosed with only 32% of Canadians living with it actually being diagnosed. Help **Amplify Care** build a guideline-informed screening tool for chronic kidney disease early diagnosis and intervention.

If interested in joining their co-design working group, you can connect **here.**

Learn more.



ColonCancerCheck (CCC) PROGRAM CHANGES - JULY 2026

ICYMI, the provincial webinar slide deck can be accessed **here.**

PHYSIATRY OUTPATIENT CLINIC AT HGMH

Dr. Cochrane (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist) from Bruyère is providing outpatient physiatry services at Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital two days per month. **Click here to access the referral form.**



REDUCE PAPERWORK FOR HOME OXYGEN THERAPY

Does your patient need home oxygen? Tired of the paperwork required to prescribe home oxygen?

You can send an **Ocean eReferral** to the Registered Respiratory Therapist at **InspiAIR** in Cornwall and they will look after this for you. RRTs can independently conduct respiratory assessments and prescribe oxygen therapy under their own license.

Learn more.