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LHIN NEWS

For Health Professionals



The Waterloo Wellington LHIN's news for health professionals provides the latest updates from across the local health system as we work together to deliver high-quality, integrated, and patient-centred care for local residents.



A Full and Independent Life

Shannon's journey with CCHS

Every parent wants their child to be born healthy, so when Shannon received a prenatal diagnosis for her son of Congenital Central Hypoventilation Syndrome (CCHS), she and her husband were scared.

CCHS is a rare genetic disorder affecting “the central nervous system impacting approximately 1,200 individuals worldwide. It impairs the body’s ability to breathe automatically, especially during sleep. Those with CCHS are also at risk for cardiac pauses, cancer, GI dysfunction, seizures, and learning and behavioral issues.” (CCHS Network)

[Read more here.](#)



FACES of the Waterloo Wellington LHIN brings you closer to the people behind your health system – learn about their motivations, their experiences, and perhaps even more about your own health journey. Click on the image above to learn more about Danaka and check **FACES** weekly for new stories.

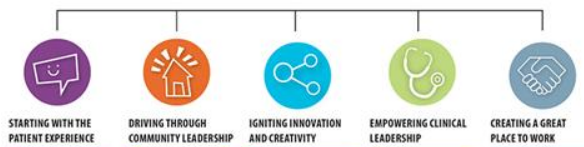


Building the next global health and social innovation centre

In a pre-budget consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Finance on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Elliot Fung, Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships at the Waterloo Wellington LHIN was given three minutes to outline a few things for the Minister of Finance on what the local health system needs for consideration for the next year's provincial budget. The following is a summary of his presentation.

In partnership with clinicians and health service providers, we have made incredible progress to improve the health and well-being of local residents.

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Transforming the local health system

WWLHIN
Partner News

Hospice Waterloo Region - [Take Care to Give Care Conference: May 31, 2018](#)

Health Shared Services Ontario - [Achieving Excellence Together Conference: June 19-20, 2018](#)

Closing the Gap, in Partnership with the University of Toronto - Free online course with certificate for PSWs Email: hilary.agyemang@closingthegap.ca

Waterloo Region Immigration Partnership [Support immigrants and refugees looking for employment](#)



Expanding Indigenous Programs

It's been a very busy time in the local health system. The Waterloo Wellington LHIN would like to thank the many doctors, nurses and other health professionals who are working hard to support patients during this busy season.

We have been busy at the Waterloo Wellington LHIN supporting our patients, as well as working with staff and partners to draft the annual business plan for the health system.

The Waterloo Wellington LHIN's 2018-2019 Annual Business Plan will be implemented at the beginning of April.

[Read more here.](#)

In its continued effort to improve the health outcomes of Indigenous residents, the Waterloo Wellington LHIN is expanding an Indigenous Health and Wellness Program in Waterloo Wellington.

An Indigenous Seniors Day Program at The Healing of Seven Generations has been providing traditional services in downtown Kitchener.

The program is expanding to downtown Guelph to establish important connections with the local Indigenous community.

The Indigenous Seniors Day Program will operate out of the Guelph Community Health Centre and will connect residents to local health services, including referrals to social services.



Quality improvement reports for physicians and administrators

Health Quality Ontario (HQO) is the provincial advisor on the quality of health care. In addition to monitoring and reporting on how the health system is performing, HQO promotes continuous quality improvement to bring about positive changes in health care.

Patient and Family Advisory Committee update

Through the WWLHIN's new Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC), patients are participating in a broad cross-section of activities to improve the patient experience across the health system. Some of PFAC's recent accomplishments include:

- Successfully advocating with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for formal

One of the ways, HQO is making a difference is by assisting primary care, long-term care, and hospital sectors to drive quality improvement. HQO is providing regional and provincial data in reports that will assist physicians and administrators with information about their practice.

[Read more here.](#)



Donor milk bank for babies at Grand River Hospital

Grand River Hospital is the first in Waterloo Region to open a donor milk bank for babies in neonatal intensive care. The hospital is able to offer donor breast milk to premature infants who meet the criteria and have a prescription.

These preemies will benefit from the extensive benefits that breast milk provides. Until now, some premature infants in the region may not have had access to the benefits of breast milk.

[Read more here.](#)

recognition of peer-to-peer support programs

- Actively participating in Waterloo Wellington LHIN working groups in areas of interest such as projects on chronic heart failure and joint replacements
- Participating in the development of resources for patients in the community



Bringing more fresh food to neighbours in need

In the winter 2018 edition of The Food Bank of Waterloo Region's Fresh Approaches newsletter, Executive Director, Wendi Campbell writes how "accessing affordable, healthy food is a daily struggle for people living on low incomes."

Read how the community is supporting a fresh new approach to fighting hunger.

[Read more here.](#)