



## What's happening in primary care?

- OHT Update** – May 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to submit an initial Ontario Health Team (OHT) Readiness Assessment. The number of applications received surpassed expectations, so invitations for business cases will be issued in early July. Multiple proposals were submitted from within the Mississauga Halton area, with much interest expressed by Primary Care. The Primary Care Network will continue to update as often as possible. The Mississauga Halton LHIN is facilitating an info session for primary care physicians on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. See attached for registration details.
- Spoke Events** - We are in the planning stages of creating larger Spoke events for Halton physicians (Fall 2019) and Mississauga/Etobicoke physicians (Spring 2020). Halton physicians will be meeting at Milton District Hospital; topics will include public health, palliative care, mental health and updates from local specialists. Please let your Primary Care Advisor know of any topics you would like to hear about!
- Mississauga Halton LHIN Primary Care Advisors (PCAs)** - Your PCA for Halton Hills, Kristen Raiskums, is available to meet with you and share information about the following programs:

  - “In 7” Mental Health Supports
  - Low Back Pain Rapid Access Clinics
  - eConsult
  - Palliative Care Academic Detailing (Mainpro+ approved)

To get more information, or set up an appointment with Kristen, email her at [kristen.raiskums@lhins.on.ca](mailto:kristen.raiskums@lhins.on.ca) or call [\(416\)358-0387](tel:4163580387).
- FIT Testing** – Ontario will be transitioning to the Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Cancer Care Ontario will be mailing out sample FIT kits and supporting materials to primary care providers. The process for ordering kits will change and kits will be mailed directly to patients. Dr. Alexandra Ginty narrates the following “how to” video: <https://vimeo.com/337672883> Further details can be found on the Cancer Care Ontario FIT Resource Hub: <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/fit-resource-hub>
- Orthopedic Referrals** – Dr. Thomas Zochowski is a new Hip/Knee Arthroplasty surgeon at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital who is encouraging referrals for hip/knee osteoarthritis to go through the Mississauga Halton Central Intake Rapid Access Clinics. The Hip and Knee Central Intake and Rapid Access Clinic program provides patients with moderate to severe hip and knee arthritis assessment within 4 weeks of the referral. Patients receive a comprehensive assessment, education and recommendations based on their needs including a referral for surgical consult and non-surgical management. All referrals for patients with hip and knee arthritis can be faxed to 1-833-230-6623. For more information on the program and referral form, please visit: <http://mhcentralintake.com/>
- Welcoming New Physicians** - If you would like to feature the name of a new physician to the Mississauga Halton LHIN, please let your PCA or the Primary Network know!

## Upcoming Events

### June 13

Ontario Health Team Info Session for Primary Care Physicians

Mental Health and Addiction QI Collaborative Webinar Series (1<sup>st</sup> Webinar)

### June 20

Stroke Partners Day Event

### June 25

Bariatric Best Practices and Supporting Your Patient

### June 27

Medical Psychiatry Alliance - Understanding and Managing Distress in Cancer: An Evidence Based Approach

For more information & event listings, visit: [primarycarenetwork-mh.ca/calendar](http://primarycarenetwork-mh.ca/calendar)

## Connect with the PCN

The Primary Care Network is a resource that helps keep you connected, informed and most importantly, empowered as a leader in our health care system.

To connect with the PCN, please contact [info@primarycarenetwork-mh.ca](mailto:info@primarycarenetwork-mh.ca).

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Dear Primary Care Colleagues,

Preliminary applications for Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) were submitted on May 15, 2019. Physicians have many questions regarding OHTs. In response to questions raised by physicians at the last meeting, the LHIN has invited experts on integrated care to support primary care in understanding:

- how these system work in other jurisdictions,
- what integrated care could mean for primary care physicians, and
- how integrated care systems could impact patients.

Now is the time for primary care physicians to organize to ensure their voices are heard as these teams evolve. Primary care needs to be accessible so those planning can work with the sector. Many of the physicians in Milton have come together to collaborate on the OHT concept. By working together like this as a sector, primary care can be more effective in ensuring the development of these teams meet your needs and those of your patients.

The agenda for the evening will include a panel presentation from the following speakers, followed by a Q&A period and opportunity for networking with colleagues to discuss how primary care can organize as a sector.

**Dr. Robert Reid** – As a researcher from the Institute for Better Health, Dr. Reid will share the theory behind integrated care systems and share models from around the world and their results they have achieved in terms of patient outcomes.

**Dr. Dean Roehl** – A primary care physician, who previously worked at Group Health in Seattle and now works in our Ontario context in a Community Health Centre, will share his experience of what it is like to work in one of these models – the benefits and the drawbacks – and how it is different from practice in Ontario.

**Dr. Mira Backo-Shannon** – A local Oakville physician, who also provides clinical leadership at the LHIN, will share insights from her recent trip to the National Health System in England. She will discuss the grassroots approach she observed primary care using to create solutions in their communities.

**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Mississauga Halton LHIN, Mississauga Office – Meeting Rooms 1, 2, 3  
2655 North Sheridan Way, Suite 140, Mississauga, Ontario L5K 2P8

**Register at:** <https://ohteducationinfosmhlhin.eventbrite.ca>

For your convenience you may also attend via webinar. To attend via webinar, register at: <https://ohtinfowebinair.eventbrite.ca>.

For questions or further information, contact Chantale Laing at [chantale.laing@lhins.on.ca](mailto:chantale.laing@lhins.on.ca).

Regards,

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