

Quality Improvement Campaign Improving Access to Influenza Vaccine for South East LHIN Residents

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Primary care groups and providers across the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) are working to improve access and delivery of the influenza vaccine to patients through a little friendly competition.

Initiated to improve the delivery of influenza vaccines to people in the South East LHIN – especially those most at risk of becoming ill – the 2013 Quality Improvement (QI) Campaign challenges Family Health Teams, Networks and Organizations, Community Health Centres, Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics, Solo family physicians, and Long-Term Care Facilities to deliver the influenza vaccine to a percentage of patients and staff.

Posters reading ‘Can You Reach These Goals?’ that challenge providers to deliver the influenza vaccine to 70% of all patients over 65 years of age, 30% of all patients, and 85% of all office/clinic staff will be posted in offices to help encourage participation.

The QI campaign will also help primary care providers and groups utilize the tools of "continuous quality improvement" and to learn from one another while facilitating coordination and integration between themselves and Public Health Units, pharmacies, and other health care services.

The 2013 QI Campaign runs until the end of flu season.

Improving the delivery of services to residents of the South East LHIN aligns with Ontario’s Action Plan for Health Care by providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

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Quotes:

"Primary care groups from across the South East LHIN are rising to the challenge of providing as many flu shots as they can this fall season. Flu shots quite simply save lives. In a spirit of friendly competition, these teams will learn from each other, and work together to improve the quality of care throughout the region."

- Dr. Jonathan Kerr, Primary Care Lead, South East LHIN

“The 2013 QI Campaign is an excellent example of providers and groups working together to improve the delivery of the influenza vaccine to residents of the South East LHIN while encouraging coordination and integration across the system of care.”

- Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

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