
**CELEBRATING HEALTH CARE INNOVATION IN ONTARIO
EXPO 2008 FINALISTS**

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Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo 2008 showcases some of the leading initiatives underway in support of Ontario's health care system. More than 300 exhibitors will promote creative ideas to address important health care issues. The Expo presents an opportunity to share knowledge and generate the potential for new approaches to benefit health care delivery for Ontarians.

The 2008 Innovations in Health Care Awards are presented in recognition of outstanding innovation in six designated categories. This year's finalists were chosen by an independent panel of health care experts from over 400 submissions. The finalists include:

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS THROUGH INTEGRATED CARE

NorWest Community Health Centres – North West Local Health Integration Network
The Mobile Unit of the NorWest Community Health Centre

- Created a one-stop mobile health clinic that travels to remote northern communities

Trillium Medical Centre – Champlain Local Health Integration Network
Hawkesbury Family Health Care Group Shared Care Pilot Project

- Pioneered an innovative program that provides holistic, patient-centred counselling and support to patients with chronic diseases

Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital – Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network
Virtual Tour of Long-Term Care Placement Destinations

- Developed a video that allows families to take virtual tours of local Long-Term Care Homes, to make the best choice for their family member

IMPROVING QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY

Toronto Rehab – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
Cardiac Rehabilitation Home Program – An Alternative Model of Care

- Created a 6 month rehabilitation home program for patients living with heart disease

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
LacTrack at Sunnybrook – Bar Coding from Breast to Baby

- Designed a program to prevent breast milk errors

Intelligent Assistive Technology and Systems Lab – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network

The COACH: An intelligent home prompting system

- Developed an intelligent prompting system for older adults with dementia

INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES

The Ottawa Hospital – Champlain Local Health Integration Network

The Clinical Nurse Expert: A Safety Net for the Future

- Created a system to provide clinical support for nurses

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre – North West Local Health Integration Network

Go Team

- Designed a program to facilitate teambuilding and leadership in health care

Lakeridge Health Corporation – Central East Local Health Integration Network

Rural Health Training Institute: An Innovative Training Model

- Improved and created strategic partnerships for the enhancement of rural health service delivery

INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH PROMOTION

St. Mary's General Hospital – Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network

A fresh approach to health promotion

- Facilitated hospital-based community produce markets to promote healthy food choices

Lang's Farm Village Association – Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network

Retired, Ready and Roving

- Established strategic partnerships to improve delivery of care and services to isolated seniors

Community & Primary Health Care – Lanark, Leeds & Grenville – South East Local Health Integration Network

Enhanced Access to Primary Health Care – Mobile Health Services

- Created a mobile health unit to improve the delivery of primary health care to remote communities

INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Cancer Care Ontario – All Local Health Integration Networks

Interactive System Assessment and Collection (ISAAC) for cancer patients

- Developed software to improve communication of symptom scores and enhance patient engagement in the treatment process

ConnexOntario Health Services Information – All Local Health Integration Networks

The e-Network Solution for Mental Health & Addictions Information Management

- Designed tools to enhance the flow of information and reporting capacity between mental health and addiction organizations and their key stakeholders

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network

TC LHIN Referral Tracking System: Supporting Timely Access to Care

- Created a web-based electronic system to help manage referrals to the Toronto Central LHIN hip and knee replacement program

IMPROVING EFFICIENCY THROUGH PROCESS REDESIGN

Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS) – South West Local Health Integration Network

Roaming Scopes for Flexible Endoscopy

- Established a flexible endoscopy service between hospitals to meet procedure demand

The Hospital for Sick Children – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network

Meal Train

- Developed an innovative and flexible model of meal delivery emphasizing choice and nutrition for patients

The Ottawa Hospital – Champlain Local Health Integration Network

Growing Up and Moving Out: Blood and Marrow Transplantation Evolve

- Created a multidisciplinary clinical care program for transplant patients in a day hospital setting

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