

## Ontario Adding New Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics

### *McGuinty Government Issues Call For Eight More NP-Led Clinics*

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Ontario will be improving access to family health care with the addition of eight Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics.

The Ontario government is inviting applications from health care providers and/or community-based groups to establish a total of eight Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics in the following Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs): North West, North East, Erie St. Clair, North Simcoe Muskoka, Central West, Central East, Champlain and South East. These LHINs were selected based on the percentage of residents without a family health care provider, the prevalence of chronic disease, and current access to health care services.

The call for applications closes on July 30, 2009. The new clinics will be announced in the fall of 2009.

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics are a team-based approach to front-line health care. Nurse Practitioners work with other health care professionals, such as family doctors, to provide quality care closer to home. The clinics focus on comprehensive family health care services, including chronic disease management, health promotion and disease prevention and work along side other community-based health care organizations, such as public health units.

### QUOTES

“These clinics will provide an innovative health care option closer to home for thousands of Ontarians. They are an important part of the McGuinty government’s priority to improve access to family health care across Ontario.”

– David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“As an early adopter and the largest employer of community-based NPs in Ontario, VON Canada knows the value and quality care NP-led clinics bring to communities. We applaud the government’s careful and considered approach to the RFP process and look forward to continuing our work together.”

– Judith Shamian, President and CEO, Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.

### QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is committed to having 25 new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics in operation by 2011.
- Three new Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics were announced in February, 2009 in Belle River, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay.

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