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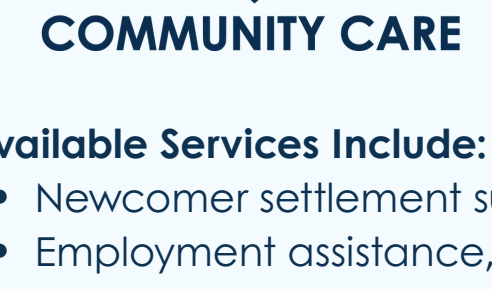
Upcoming Projects: Access & Attachment Working Group

Primary care is in crisis in Ontario, with over 2.5M residents without regular access to primary care. Addressing this challenge requires significant investment and a collaborative approach. To address this challenge, the NWT PCN Steering Committee endorsed the creation of an **Access and Attachment Working Group** that will focus on the following objectives:

- **Understanding access and attachment pressures in our local context**
- **Identifying shared actions, synergies, and new initiatives to improve access and attachment in NWT**
- **Overseeing planning and implementation access and attachment strategy**

The Access and Attachment Working Group held their first meeting on May 16, 2025.

The HUB@2115



Support Your Patients with Free Community Services at The HUB@2115!

The HUB@2115 is a collaborative initiative of free, integrated health and social services all in one location. Led by the North Western Toronto Ontario Health Team, The HUB connects individuals to a range of supports that address key social determinants of health.

Available Services Include:

- Newcomer settlement supports
- Employment assistance, including help with job searching
- Health and social care navigation
- Mental health and wellness programs
- Diabetes education and self-management

Why come to The HUB@2115?

- No OHIP required
- Free services
- Culturally responsive and multilingual support
- Flexible access – some services are walk-in, others by referral or appointment

Location: 2115 Finch Ave. West, Suite 204 – Building C

Parking: Parking is validated for clients

Transportation: Easily accessible via TTC and Wheel-Trans

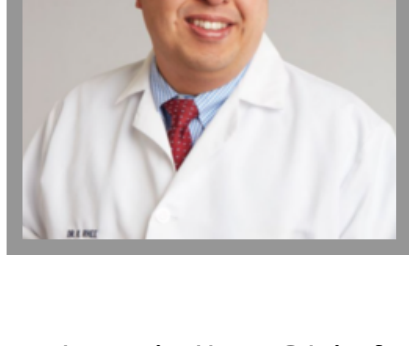
Please note: The HUB@2115 is **not a walk-in medical clinic** and does not provide emergency care.

Help your patients connect to the resources they need in the community!

[Click here for more information about our programs & services](#)

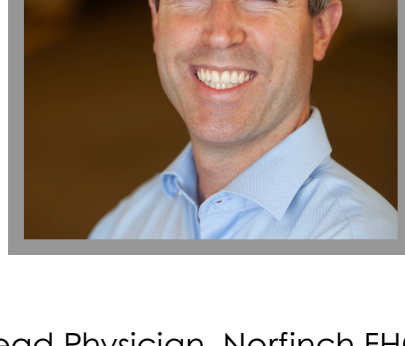
Introducing the NWT PCN Co-Chairs: Dr. Rhee & Dr. Banach

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Dr. Ryan Banach



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Meet the NWT PCN Steering Committee Members

The North Western Toronto Primary Care Network Transitional Steering Committee meets monthly and aims to connect, integrate, and support primary care providers within the North Western Toronto OHT region. The composition of Primary Care Networks is based on guidance from Ontario Health that includes, but is not limited to, family physicians, nurse practitioners, interprofessional healthcare clinicians and patient family caregiver representatives to ensure that the local primary care sector has a collective voice at NWT OHT decision-making tables. The members of the NWT PCN Transitional Steering Committee include:

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Unison HCS

Daniel Ekpa, NP
Black Creek CHC

Dr. Priya Sood
Humber River FHO

Dr. Amita Mall
Rexdale CHC

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AFHTO 2025 Conference - Call for Abstracts

THE POWER OF PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY AFHTO

AFHTO is now accepting abstracts for **The Power of Primary Care Conference**, taking place on **October 23-24, 2025**, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. This year's theme, **"Advancing the Foundation for Integrated Care,"** aligns closely with the collaborative, cross-sector work being led by OHTs across the province.

Abstract submissions for concurrent sessions and poster presentations are due by June 16, 2025, at 5:00 PM (EDT). Registration will open in late June.

[Click here for details and submission link](#)

AI Scribe Program



Canada Health Infoway is **funding up to 10,000 one-year AI Scribe licenses for eligible primary care clinicians** to help streamline documentation and significantly reduce administrative burden—so you can focus more on patient care and less on paperwork.

[Click here for more information](#)

TPH: Healthy Babies Healthy Children Online Referral Form

Toronto Public Health's Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) home-visiting program has relaunched its **Online Referral Form for Regulated Healthcare and Social Service Providers**. The updated referral process will aim to help increase prenatal referrals and improve access to services for those who may benefit from early support.

Services are free and no OHIP is required.

Scan the QR code on the flyer or click the link below to access the Referral Form.

[Click here to access the HBHC Referral Form](#)

HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY CHILDREN

ONLINE REFERRAL FORM

for Regulated Healthcare and Social Service Providers

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) home visiting program provides support to individuals and families in the following areas:

- Prenatal (General, Nurse Family Partnership and Homeless at Risk Prenatal)
- Postpartum
- Parenting

Use the [HBHC Regulated Healthcare and Social Service Provider Online Referral Form](#) or scan the QR code to refer your clients.



TORONTO Public Health

toronto.ca/health

Ontario Health Updates

Canada Post Service Disruption: Cancer Screening Impacts

A Canada Post labour disruption starting **May 23, 2025**, is affecting **cancer screening mailings**, including **ColonCancerCheck (FIT kits)**, and **screening result letters for CCC, OBSP, and OCSP**.

Key Impacts:

- **Screening Letters:** May be delayed or not delivered. Participants should contact their **primary care provider or OBSP** site if due for screening.
- **Abnormal Results:**
 - **FIT:** Results will be couriered for those without a provider.
 - **Breast:** OBSP will contact participants directly.
 - **Cervical & Colorectal:** Providers receive results and must notify patients.

FIT Kit Instructions:

- **Delays expected** in receiving kits.
- **Do NOT return completed FIT kits by mail.** Use Lifelabs drop-off locations: locations.lifelabs.com.
- **Do NOT use expired kits** (less than 6 months to expiry).
- **Samples:**
 - **15–30 days old:** May not produce a result.
 - **Over 30 days old:** Will not be tested.

Please **coordinate with your Regional Cancer Program** before sharing further.

More info:

- cancercareontario.ca/maildisruption
- canadapost.ca/updates
- cupw.ca

Ontario Health's Asthma Quality Standards

Ontario Health has updated the quality standards **Asthma: Care in the Community for People 16 Years of Age and Older** and **Asthma: Care in the Community for People Under 16 Years of Age** (originally published in 2020) to align with the most up-to-date clinical evidence. In addition, new information documents have been released for **clinicians** and for **patients** about using a race-neutral approach for interpreting spirometry. Please review and share the updated quality standards, placemats, patient guides, and information documents with your networks.

For more information, please contact QualityStandards@OntarioHealth.ca.

Documents for Reference:

- [Asthma: Care in the Community for People 16 Years of Age and Older](#)
- [Asthma: Care in the Community for People Under 16 Years of Age](#)
- [Information Document for Clinicians](#)
- [Information Document for Patients](#)

2025 CIHI International Doctor Study

Between March and June, you may receive an invitation by mail or email to participate in the Commonwealth Fund's **International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians**.

An email from info@internationaldoctorstudy.ca with the subject line **"Make Your Voice Heard: 2025 International Doctor Study"** with an online survey link will bring you to a website with the URL internationaldoctorstudy.ca. Mailed surveys were delivered through Canada Post from WestKey Graphics Ltd. in Edmonton.

It is the only survey of its kind, comparing primary care over time across 10 countries, including Canada, and is administered every 3 years.

Request: If you have received a request to complete this survey, please share your perspective on the challenges and needs of primary care physicians in Canada. This confidential survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and your input will help inform policymakers and drive improvements in health care. You can explore past survey results [on CIHI's website](#).

If you have questions, please email cmwf@cihi.ca.

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