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This is a project update on the Durham HKPR District Health Council's (DHC) current review of acute care-related services in Durham Region. We encourage you to share this newsletter with colleagues in your community.

STATUS OF PROJECT:

Selection of Health Clusters:

The *Durham Region Service Review* will focus on distinct care processes --"health clusters".

Health clusters have been selected:

- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics
- Adult Cancer
- Adult Respiratory
- Adult Cardiac
- Adult Orthopaedics

Additional health clusters may be identified as the analysis progresses.

Data Requests:

Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI) inpatient and same day surgery data, for 2001/02, has been received.

Emergency services data, available through the National Ambulatory Care Reporting Standards database, has been received.

Home care data has been requested, but not yet received, delaying the project. Requests to organizations for data specific to the selected Health Clusters have been sent out.

Data Analysis:

A sample of the preliminary data analysis completed to date is provided on Page 2.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERT PANELS:

Throughout the project, stakeholder input will occur through a variety of methods including data and information sharing, expert panels, key informant interviews, and consultation sessions. The Durham Region Service Review (DRSR) Steering Group is now initiating the Expert Panel for each of the Health Clusters.

Responsibilities:

Each Expert Panel will provide advice to the DRSR Steering Group as follows:

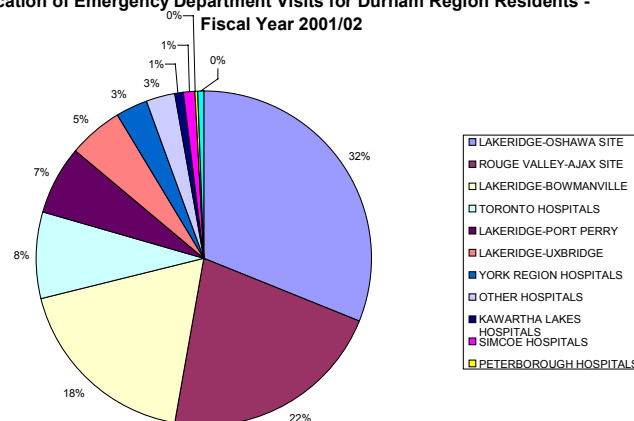
- Develop/validate an integrated profile for the Health Cluster, incorporating inter-relationships along the continuum of care;
- Provide input to identify and apply relevant benchmarks;
- Identify themes arising from the analysis;
- Recommend stakeholders for consultations; and
- Provide advice and recommendations to address gaps and issues identified in the integrated profile.

Membership:

Members will include stakeholders (providers, patients and/or family members) who are able to provide:

- Knowledge and expertise relevant to the health cluster;
- Experience along the continuum of care; and
- Ability to reflect area-wide system issues.

Location of Emergency Department Visits for Durham Region Residents - Fiscal Year 2001/02

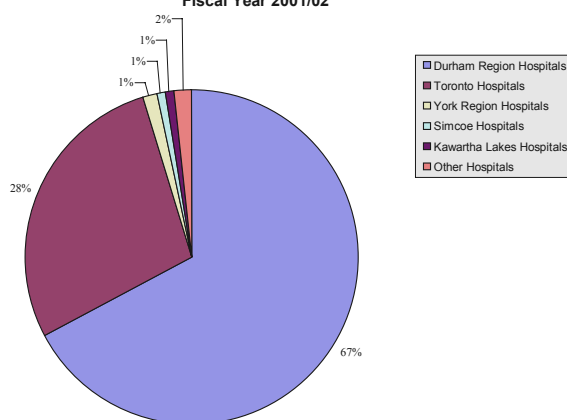


Source: Ontario Ministry of Health, NACRS.

This chart shows where Durham Region residents received emergency department care. For example, 32% of Durham Region residents received emergency care at Lakeridge – Oshawa, and 22% at Rouge Valley –Ajax-Pickering.

Total Emergency Department Visits for Durham Region Residents (2002/03) was 183,300.

County of Treatment for Heart Cluster Inpatients - Durham Region Residents Fiscal Year 2001/02



Source: Ontario MoHLTC

This chart shows where Durham Region residents received inpatient care, within the "Adult Cardiac Health Cluster". For example, 67% of Durham Region residents received their inpatient care within Durham Region hospitals. Total number of inpatient separations for Durham Region residents in the Heart Cluster was 6,531 (2001/02).

Distribution of Inpatient and Same Day Surgery Separations and Days For Durham Region Residents - Fiscal Year 2001/02

Clusters	Inpatients		Same Day Surgery
	Separations	Total Days	
Adult Cancer	2,408	23,202	1,316
Adult Cardiac	6,531	46,669	2,517
Adult Orthopaedics (Major Joint Replacement)	743	4,863	0
Adult Respiratory	1,926	15,984	319
Obstetrics	14,374	40,047	1,213
Paediatrics	4,212	13,909	5,053
Total in Health Clusters	30,194	144,674	10,418
Other (Unassigned)*	17,200	120,587	42,822
Total	47,394	265,261	53,240

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health, CIHI

* Additional health clusters may be identified as the analysis progresses.

WHEN WILL THE EXPERT PANELS BE STARTED?

The DRSR Steering Group will be starting the Expert Panels in April 2004, beginning with:

- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics
- Adult Orthopaedics

Three meetings, scheduled three weeks apart, and a consultation session for each Expert Panel are planned, to occur between April and June 2004.

NEXT STEPS:

Next steps include:

- Population projections;
- Initiation of expert panels for the first three health clusters;
- Development of the integrated profile for each Health Cluster; and
- Identifying current issues and projections of future need within each Health Cluster.

Here's how you can share your thoughts and experiences with the Durham Region Service Review Steering Group:

- ✓ Volunteer to be a member on an Expert Panel – contact your organization or the DHC directly, and indicate your area of expertise and the Expert Panel with which you would like to be involved.
- ✓ Forward written submissions, email or phone calls to the DHC office.