

Critical Care Strategy

Improving Access, Quality and System Integration

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Strategy Highlights:

MOHLTC and the LHINs Establish Critical Care LHIN Leaders

The Ministry and the LHINs have appointed 13 clinicians as Critical Care LHIN Leaders. Reporting to the relevant LHIN CEO and Hugh MacLeod, ADM, Health System Accountability and Performance Division, the Critical Care LHIN Leaders will:

- Support critical care service delivery planning and coordination across the LHIN
- Lead critical care surge capacity planning, rehearsal and event management in the LHIN
- Support critical care performance measurement and improvement across the LHIN
- Support demand forecasting, resource allocation and priority setting in the LHIN
- Represent the LHIN at a new provincial table to address operational issues in critical care

LHIN	CC LHIN Leader
Central	Dr. Donna McRitchie
Central East	Dr. Howard Clasky
Central West	Dr. Michael Miletin
Champlain	Dr. Redouane Bouali
Erie St. Clair	Dr. Michael Sharpe
South West	
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant	Dr. Peter Kraus
Mississauga Halton	Dr. Laurence Chau
North Simcoe Muskoka	Dr. Giulio DiDiodato
North East	Dr. David Boyle
North West	Dr. Michael Scott
South East	Dr. John Muscedere
Toronto	Dr. Thomas Stewart
Waterloo Wellington	Dr. William Plaxton

41 Hospitals Apply for Critical Care Performance Coaching Teams

Applications were received from a wide range of Ontario hospitals, including both academic health science centres and community hospitals. Six different teams were offered and, due to the relatively even demand, most hospitals will receive their first choice with a few hospitals receiving their second choice to even out the workload across the six teams. Hospitals will be notified early in June regarding these assignments. Initial site visits will occur in June and July. On May 29th and 30th, the Coaching Team members participated in an interactive professional coaching training session in preparation for their engagement with hospitals.

Other Progress:

Critical Care Response Team Leads Meet to Develop Performance Benchmarks

MD Site Leads and RN/RT Co-Leads from the 22 CCRT expansion sites met May 10th and 11th for an orientation session that included a communications and team building exercise and an initial discussion of performance benchmarks for CCRTs in Ontario. Hospital participants reported back that the event was a very useful forum and addressed many key questions about the 3-phase implementation process.

Critical Care Information System Moving Forward

Under the leadership of Matt Anderson, IM Lead, Critical Care Strategy, CCIS development work began under a bridging letter with the vendor, while negotiations on the final agreement proceed. A signed term sheet with the Vendor is anticipated in June, allowing full design activities to proceed on schedule. Mock reports (outputs of the CCIS) have been completed, with validation by all key stakeholder groups (MOHLTC, Critical Care LHIN Leaders, LHIN CEO's, Hospital executives, and ICU Managers) scheduled for completion by mid-June. June will also complete the scaling up of CitiCall project resources to address the analytical needs for these interim reports.

Critical Care Nurse Training E-Learning Program

With the support of MOHLTC's Nursing Secretariat and Critical Care Secretariat, the Critical Care On-Line Nursing Education Advisory Committee developed detailed specifications to guide the creation of the e-learning program. Based on these specifications, a call of applications will be sent out in early June to identify appropriate partners to develop and implement the program. This training option will complement existing training programs offered at community colleges and hospitals. The e-learning program will be based on provincial critical care nurse training standards and will be composed of a series of an interactive, on-line training modules that are supplemented by hands-on clinical training sessions. The hands-on training sessions will be offered at participating community colleges and hospitals. A special emphasis will be placed on identifying hospital partners in northern and remote areas to ensure that the course is accessible to all nurses across Ontario.

Critical Care Nursing Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

The Critical Care Nursing OSCE Advisory Committee, supported by MOHLTC's Nursing Secretariat and Critical Care Secretariat, will proceed with a Request for Information (RFI) in June in order to get more information regarding the options and cost of developing and validating an OSCE for critical care nursing. At present, there are no critical care nursing OSCEs in existence in any jurisdiction so prior to proceeding with a formal call for applications, the Advisory Committee has determined that an RFI will be a useful interim step. In addition to gathering information for the eventual call for applications, the RFI provides potential development partners with some lead time to consider bidding on this unique opportunity.

Targets for June:

- **Critical Care Nursing Standards Report** – This report provides the basis for standardizing critical care nurse training across Ontario. It will be reviewed by Ontario Critical Care Expert Panel on June 6 and, pending the Panel's review, presented to the Ministry.
- **Chronic Ventilation Task Group Report** – This report provides comprehensive recommendations regarding how Ontario can meet the needs of medically-stable, chronically ventilated patients while improving ICU access for critically ill patients. Following a review by the Ontario Critical Care Expert Panel on June 6, it will be presented to the Ministry.

Provincial Tables & Other Events:

- ❖ June 6 – Ontario Critical Care Expert Advisory Panel Meeting
- ❖ June 22, 23 – Clinical Best Practices Demonstration Project Meeting
- ❖ June 27 – Hugh MacLeod, ADM presents at International Medical Emergency Team Conference

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