

NORTH EAST LHIN E-BULLETIN, ISSUE 5, May 7, 2007

*****ALC SUMMIT PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FINALIZED*****

The preliminary program for the **ALC Summit in Sudbury, June 6-7** was mailed and emailed during the week of April 27. The Summit begins at 1:00 pm on Wednesday June 6 and the nominal registration fee of \$100.00 includes a dinner on the Wednesday night with Neil Aitchison: humourist, public speaker and actor.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Michael Decter:** Leading Health Authority; Senior Research Scholar, Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto; International Fellow of the King's Fund, London, England; Author.
- **Francesca Grosso:** Health Policy and Health Care Communications Counsel; Author.
- **Paul Williams:** Ph.D., Professor, Department of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto; Co-Director of CIHR Team in Home and Community Care and Health Human Resources; Co-Director of the Canadian Research Network of Care in the Community (CRNCC).

If you did not receive a copy of this focused two-day Summit, please contact frank.mcgoey@lhins.on.ca or visit www.nelhin.on.ca to download the program and registration form.

The ALC Summit will provide delegates with the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the ongoing activity of the Northeastern Ontario ALC Task Forces;
- Learn about the latest developments that are focused on ALC solutions for Northeastern Ontario;
- Network with individuals who have a vested interest in ALC issues;
- Share challenges and propose solutions for resolving the region's ALC issues.

New Please visit the NE LHIN website for a newly posted compendium of ALC resources, including: best practices, models and strategies, as well as terms of reference for the North East ALC Task Forces.

PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Increased Access to Colorectal Cancer Screening

On Friday, May 4, the provincial government announced an \$11 million investment in colonoscopies. This represents an additional 34,421 colonoscopies to be performed in hospitals across the province in 2007/2008.

In the North East LHIN region, this announcement means an additional \$160,000 in funding for each of the following hospitals: North Bay General Hospital; Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital; and Sault Area Hospital.

Action Line Expanded to Benefit Home Care

On Tuesday, May 1, the provincial government announced the expansion of **the Long-Term Care Action Line** so that home care clients receiving care through their CCAC now have access to this service.

Until now, the Action Line was available only to long-term home care residents and their family members.

Effective May 1, home care clients or others, such as family members, can call with any concerns or complaints they have about the services they are receiving.

Ontario residents can reach the Long-Term Care Action Line at 1-866-976-7658 or TTY 1-800-387-5559.

For a full copy of these announcements and accompanying documents, please visit <http://www.health.gov.on.ca>.

Wait Times

On Friday, April 27, the Provincial Government announced improved access to five key health care services as part of its Wait Time Strategy, including: cancer and cataract surgeries, cardiac procedures, hip and knee replacements, and MRI and CT scans. The \$281.8 million announced will result in 465,149 procedures.

In the North East LHIN region, this announcement means:

- More than \$9.3 million in new funding for: Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital; North Bay General Hospital; Sault Area Hospital; Timmins and District Hospital; Temiskaming Hospital; West Parry Sound Health Centre.
- The funding will result in the following increase in procedures across the North East:

o Cataract surgeries:	1,839
o Hip & Knee joint replacements:	409
o CT Scan Hours:	1,780
	Exams: 6,230
o MRI Hours:	5,616
	Exams: 8,424
o Cardiac procedures:	7,228
o Cancer surgeries:	223

*****NE LHIN GOVERNANCE FORUM*****

Service providers should have received an invitation to attend a **Health Service Provider Governance Forum in North Bay on Friday June 15 and Saturday June 16**. Hosted by the NE LHIN, the Forum will provide an opportunity for Health Service Provider Board Chairs and NE LHIN Board members to meet and discuss the following items:

- MOHLTC new stewardship role;
- NE LHIN role/mandate in the new transformed system (e.g., NE LHIN accountability agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, business planning cycle and operational plan details); and
- Health Service Provider roles and accountability.

For more information, please contact: Monique Rocheleau, Senior Consultant, Community Engagement at 705-840-2872, ext 218 or Monique.rocheleau@lhins.on.ca.

***** IN BRIEF *****

- ALC Task Forces are meeting for a second time and are developing recommendations and solutions for ALC in Northeastern Ontario. We will have an opportunity to hear on the progress of the ALC Task Forces at the ALC Summit to be held June 6-7, 2007 in Sudbury. Membership and Terms of Reference for the Task Forces can be found [here](#).
- The CEO Round Tables are gearing up for their first meeting to be held in June 2007. Round Table Membership is being finalized. Terms of Reference for the CEO Round Tables can be downloaded [here](#)
- The NE LHIN Board of Directors met via teleconference on April 27. For a complete viewing of the items discussed, please visit www.nelhin.on.ca. Minutes will be posted to the website by mid-May.
- The next open meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 25 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Older Adult Centre, 140 Durham Street, Sudbury ON. For more information contact lianne.bettiol@lhins.on.ca or visit www.nelhin.on.ca.
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- Questions and feedback on any NE LHIN activities is welcomed through: northeast@lhins.on.ca.