

North East LHIN



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New to www.nelhin.on.ca

- [LAPS](#) Answers to Frequently Asked Questions #2.
- [H1N1 Page](#) - Updated for easier visitor navigation through the information.
- [Hospital Service Accountability Agreement Update November 2009](#) - This is the ninth communiqué regarding the discussion of the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) Steering Committee on the development of the (H-SAA) for 2010-2012.

H1N1

There has been much activity by way of coordination, facilitation and critical care planning within the NE LHIN organization over the past several weeks; with excellent cooperation and sharing of information amongst all NE LHIN health service providers and critical care units who are working together to maintain services.

All hospitals across our LHIN (large and small) are experiencing large numbers of H1N1 and ILI (influenza-like-illness) in their ER's, many requiring hospital admission to a medical ward. Similarly physicians and primary health care providers are seeing high numbers at their offices and clinics.

The overall role of the NE LHIN during this period of high H1N1 activity has been to support our health service providers in ensuring that communication channels and coordination mechanisms across the North East LHIN are working well and that all organizations and agencies are receiving official pandemic communications. Some of the work of the NE LHIN of late includes: established a NE LHIN Critical Care H1N1 Surge Action Task Force; developed and implemented a Critical Care Surge Plan; developed a web page for health service providers to house H1N1 information, resources and links; and held numerous meetings and teleconferences with health service providers within the NE LHIN to ensure information coordination of health service providers at a regional level.

- [General public H1N1 web page](#)
- Health Service Provider web page: Please email joel.seguin@lhins.on.ca for

access.

North East LHIN Posts Board of Directors Position for Cochrane Planning Area

The North East LHIN has posted the position for Board Director (part-time) for the Cochrane Planning Area. As a member of the North East LHIN Board of Directors, the candidate will be responsible for directing the affairs of the LHIN in accordance with applicable legislation, constituting documents, approved strategic and business plans and government policies of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Directors serve a three year term, subject to renewal. Applications will be received until Friday, November 20, 2009. Interested individuals can go to www.nelhin.on.ca more details.

NE LHIN Photo Contest Winners

Thank you to all participants who submitted photos to our contest. People across North East Ontario were asked to submit photos that best reflected what health care in the North East means to them. The contest was available from January until the end of September, 2009

Congratulations to our winners!

First Place: Connie Hergott from Moosonee

Second Place: Lori Mastelko from Little Current

Third Place: Kevin Roy from Sturgeon Falls

[View all winning entries](#)

Thank you to all participants and we look forward to highlighting your photo submissions in upcoming NE LHIN public material.

HealthForceOntario launches Community Partnership Program Web Page

Please take a moment to visit the section on the [North East region](#) where you will find information on how HealthForceOntario can help you in your physician recruitment efforts as well as a list of community resources. For more information, please contact:

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Important Reminder – Personal Support Occupations Focus Groups

This North East LHIN task force is organizing focus group style consultations to gather information on issues affecting the personal support occupations workforce. The North East Personal Support Occupations Task Force has been brought together to identify:

- current and anticipated pressures within the PSW workforce; and
- actions and strategies to ensure the short- and long-term sustainability of this workforce

Sessions being organized for Health Service Providers:

- November 16th for First Nation, Aboriginal and Métis Health Service Providers
- November 19th for French Language Health Service Providers

Sessions organized for Employees in Personal Support occupations:

- November 16th, Algoma
- November 17th, Cochrane / Timiskaming
- November 18th, Manitoulin / Parry Sound / Sudbury
- November 19th, Nipissing

For additional information please visit www.nelhin.on.ca or contact Natalie Valois natalie.valois@lhins.on.ca

