

North East LHIN



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NE LHIN Confirms Support for Rattlesnake Anti-Venom Depot at West Parry Sound Health Centre

On Wednesday December 16th, the NE LHIN confirmed funding to fully support the ongoing operation of the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Anti-Venom Depot located at the West Parry Sound Health Centre (WPHSC).

For the past several months, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, North East LHIN and West Parry Sound Health Centre have been working collaboratively on a sustainable solution for the funding, management and distribution of Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake anti-venom stock.

Base funding of \$350,000 will allow the WPHSC to fully operate a provincial rattlesnake anti-venom depot and manage the anti-venom stock to ensure that it's available wherever it is needed in Ontario. [Learn more.](#)



From Left to Right

Dr. Terence Fargher, WPHSC Chief of Staff; Dr. Brad Hunkin; NE LHIN Interim CEO Terry Tilleczek; WPHSC Grants Development Officer John Lee; Parry Sound Area Community Business and Development Center General Manager Bill Spinney; NE LHIN Consultant Barry Lajeunesse; WPHSC Pharmacist Heather Logan-Lane; NE LHIN Board member Leah Welk; WPHSC Chief Nursing Officer Linda Kulkarni; WPHSC Board Chair Don Brickett.

Funding Announced for Bed Strategy at Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH)

More than \$2.8 million was announced for an innovative bed strategy that will support keeping the Memorial Site of the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) open to temporarily care for alternate level of care (ALC) patients, pending the hospital's transition to one site in 2010.

The funding announcement is one piece of the solution that many communities within North East Ontario confront each day.

The NE LHIN will continue to work with community partners to move forward on additional solutions in order to support quality patient care in the right setting and at the right time. [Learn more.](#)



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(From Left to Right) Dr. Peter Zalan, Sudbury ALC Community Steering Group Co-Chair, Carol Hartman, Sudbury Regional Hospital Board Chair, Terry Tilleczeck, Sudbury ALC Community Steering Group Co-Chair and Interim NE LHIN CEO.

eHealth Advisory Council Meets for the First Time

The inaugural meeting of the NE LHIN eHealth Advisory Council was held Wednesday December 16th. Health service providers from across the region met to discuss current eHealth activities in the NE LHIN, to review a tactical plan and strategic eHealth documents, and to learn about provincial and federal eHealth initiatives. The Council will help to ensure the overall success of the provincial eHealth strategy and regional strategies in the North East, while providing a system level perspective to the North East LHIN on information and communication technology. The Council will meet monthly. [Learn more.](#)



North East Community Care Access Centre (NE CCAC) and the Sault Area Hospital (SAH) – Proud Partners

The Board of Directors of both the North East CCAC and the SAH have collaborated over the past few months to work on an innovative approach to the delivery of health care services in the Algoma District. The work of this new partnership will make the delivery of long-term care and home care services more effective, while helping to reduce hospital pressures. Some of the collaborative successes to date include:

- Ongoing bi-monthly meetings between the North East CCAC and SAH clinical leaders to identify and deal with system issues;
- FLO Collaborative, which has helped improve patient through-put processes;
- Aging At Home Strategy;
- Case management and discharge planning;
- Establishment of a new North East CCAC clinic in Sault Ste. Marie; and
- Joint procurement of medical supplies.

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