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Contact Information Update!

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Upcoming Events!

Privacy and Security Workshop

Date: November 18th, 2009

Location: Cataraqui Conservation Outdoor Centre, Kingston

A half day event with the region's Privacy Leads to discuss the regional approach to Privacy and Security.

eHealth Day -Making Connections

Date: November 26th, 2009

Location: Italo-Canadian Club, Kingston
A half-day event purposed to inform HSP leaders from all sectors about the SE LHIN eHealth strategy, current and upcoming initiatives. Featuring speakers from the community and eHealth Ontario.

Please see the SE LHIN website for this event's agenda:

www.southeastlhins.on.ca



From the Community

RNAO Nursing and eHealth Project; Carol Cooke Appointed Nurse Leader

Created in partnership by the Registered Nurses of Ontario and Canada Health Infoway, the *Nurse Peer Leader Strategy* is an initiative designed to promote the nurses' knowledge of and involvement in eHealth. Carol Cooke has been designated the Nurse Leader role in the SE LHIN. She will utilize her expertise and involvement with the nursing community to increase awareness and engagement of nurses in eHealth initiatives.

A key goal of this initiative is to encourage at least 1200 nurses from the region to complete the RNAO eHealth course as part of an online education program. The course is designed to provide nurses with an understanding of eHealth and its integral role in nursing and healthcare.

The Nurse Peer Leader strategy falls under the larger umbrella of the Nursing and eHealth Project. The online education program is one of the four key deliverables of the Nursing and eHealth initiative, including the eHealth Toolkit Development, eHealth Champion Network Workshops and the 'eHealth for Every Nurse' newsletter.

For more information on the RNAO Nursing and eHealth Project and its specific initiatives and deliverables, please visit www.rnao.ca/ehealthproject

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eHealth Initiatives

EMR Adoption Program Funded by OMD and Ehealth Ontario

A letter issued on October 27, 2009 to Ontario physicians from the President of the OMA stated that:

Under a new program, eHealth Ontario will partner with OMA subsidiary OntarioMD to implement the "EMR Adoption Program." With support and investment of approximately \$236 million from eHealth Ontario, the new program will broaden and accelerate physician adoption of EMRs over the next three years. This means EMRs will be accessible to more physicians, allowing them to leverage information technology to improve patient care and practice efficiency. The previous Primary Care IT Program provided funding to 3,300 family physicians for EMRs in Ontario. The new EMR Adoption Program will see this number increase by 5,700, to a total of 9,000 physicians, with the ability to provide 10 million Ontarians with an electronic medical record by 2012. All practice-based primary care physicians and, for the first time, specialists are eligible for the program. The program will provide both one-time and monthly funding, as well as transition and adoption support services. Early EMR adopters, who helped expand and evolve the program, are also eligible for a monthly subsidy in order to upgrade their EMRs to the latest certified specification.

The new funding program stipulates that all physicians operating in practices of less than three physicians will qualify for funding if they use a certified Application Service Provider solution (ASP) hosted at eHealth Ontario.

OntarioMD will begin accepting applications for funding on November 2nd, 2009. The program runs until March 31, 2012.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ontariomd.ca/>

Questions? Comments?

Do you have a story you would like to share with the community?

We want to hear it all! Please send your feedback to
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