

North East LHIN

NE-News



Health Care Information for
Northeastern Ontarians

September 2010

Welcome to Ne-News, a monthly electronic publication to help keep you informed on the latest work of the NE LHIN and health care within Northeastern Ontario. Our former weekly e-Bulletin and quarterly newsletter have been combined to create NE-News, which will be e-mailed to subscribers on the 15th of each month.

All 'T's will be on Rural Health Care During North East LHIN Small Hospital Summit

'Integrating Innovative Ideas' to be fall meeting theme

Big health care ideas are what the North East LHIN is encouraging when it hosts a meeting in September with the leaders of Northeastern Ontario hospitals.

Under the theme "Integrating Innovative Ideas," CEOs and senior hospital officials, as well as Board Chairs, and Vice Chairs have been invited to participate in discussions September 23rd and 24th in Sault Ste. Marie on the challenges they face, regardless of their number of beds or variety of services.

The NE LHIN would like to acknowledge the ongoing work of the volunteer organizing committee for their help to plan and coordinate the Rural Health Care Summit.

Organizing Committee:

Mark your Calendar Upcoming NE LHIN Engagements

LHIN 101

Presentation

Sudbury Sunrisers
Rotary Club
September 30th.

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday,
October 27th
North Bay
teleconference:
1-866-299-8690

Speaking Engagement

Mental Health
Court,
Northern Crown
Conference
November 3rd, Sault
Ste. Marie.
Sault Ste. Marie,
1:30 p.m.

LHIN 101

Presentation

Hearst Rotary Club
November 4th.



Peter Vaudry, Interim Board Chair NE LHIN, Hal Fjeldsted, ormer CEO Kirkland & District Hospital, Lisa Verrino, CEO Hornepayne, Ray Hunt, CEO Espanola General Hospital, Merv Anthony Board Chair Bingham Memorial Hospital, Rachel Mercier,

Board Chair Smooth Rock Falls Hospital, Laura Pierce, Past Board Chair Mattawa General Hospital, Leo Loone, Board Chair Weeneebayko Area Health Authority, Leah Welk NE LHIN Board Member.

LHIN 101

Presentation

Kapuskasing Rotary Club, November 5th.

The NE LHIN meets on a monthly basis with small hospitals and long-term care facilities across Northeastern Ontario.

"More than one-third of the Northeast's population lives in rural areas, at 40%, compared to 15% provincially," says Peter Vaudry, Interim Chair of the North East LHIN. "It's important that we discuss the needs related to this population profile with our health care partners, and collaborate on innovative solutions to our challenges."

New NE LHIN Website Posts

[CEO Blog](#)

This monthly blog provides a snapshot of Louise Paquette's travels and meetings as she engages with stakeholders across Northeast Ontario.

[Community Engagement Page](#)

Take a journey with the NE LHIN as we document our travels across the region. E-mail us at engagingwithyou@lhins.on.ca and we will explore the possibility of engaging with your organization at the next opportunity.

[Aging at Home](#)

Recent updates to this page outline the programs and services currently underway across the region to meet the health care needs of our seniors.

[LHINfo Minute](#)

This weekly publication speaks to a selected program or service of the NE LHIN and how it is making an impact on the people of Northeastern Ontario.

[LHINC-IN Newsletter](#)

LHINC is a provincial advisory body for health service providers, their associations and LHINs collectively. This newsletter highlights their work.

LHINgage!

The North East LHIN Engages with You

Health care is about people – patients, family, friends, neighbours – regardless of

who we are or what we do, health care affects each one of us.

The North East LHIN welcomes the opportunity to speak with you about the role the North East LHIN is playing in your community and to hear what you have to say.



Visit our engagement page at www.nelhin.on.ca and check out the photos and videos of our travels across the North East LHIN as we engage with health service providers, community members and citizens. Please drop us a line at engagingwithyou@lhins.on.ca or call us at 1-866-906-5446.

Louise Paquette, NE LHIN CEO speaks with Art Pyette, resident of Finlandia Village in Sudbury, at an Aging at Home announcement on Tuesday, August 31st.

Support and funding from the NE LHIN Aging at Home Strategy resulted in a new Assisted Living Program for Parry Sound, and helped the West Parry Sound Health Centre (WPSHC) combat ALC pressures.

John Lee, Co-Chair of the Parry Sound ALC Solutions Workgroup says, "The Assisted Living Program is making all the difference in the world to frail seniors who may have otherwise waited in a hospital bed for placement in a long-term care home."

New Faces at the North East LHIN

Lance Belanger
Communications/Multimedia Officer,
North Bay Office



Lance is responsible for maintaining the NE LHIN's growing website and ensuring the organization is making the best use of technology. Born and raised in North Bay, Lance enjoys spending his leisurely time in the outdoors, biking and camping.

Stephen Bellinger
Consultant, Performance, Contract &
Allocation, Sault Ste. Marie Office

Stephen is responsible for providing performance management support to the

NE LHIN Fast Facts

In Northeastern Ontario 17% of the people are aged 65 and over and this number is anticipated to increase to 30% in twenty years.

The NE LHIN is ranked one of the top performing LHINs in the province for Emergency Department wait times. Currently, 59% of people who present themselves in a hospital in Northeastern Ontario, are seen in



NE LHIN's Emergency Department/ALC priority. A resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Stephen enjoys cross-country skiing, single-track mountain biking and learning to play the piano.

Mathieu Beausoleil
Corporate Coordinator, Sudbury Office



As Corporate Coordinator for the NE LHIN, Mathieu is responsible for supporting the CEO and providing corporate support to the organization. In his spare time Mathieu enjoys playing guitar, singing and outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting.

Lara Bradley
Board Liaison, Sudbury Office



Lara is the first point of contact for all NE LHIN Board related activities, providing administrative and community / governance engagement support to the Board. Formerly a journalist with the Sudbury Star, Lara covered a variety of beats including health care, education, crime, lifestyle and entertainment.

Lise Anne Boissonneault
French Language Services Coordinator,
North Bay Office



Lise Anne joined the NE LHIN with the transfer of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's (MOHLTC) regional French Language Health Services program. Lise Anne is responsible for the planning, monitoring and

8 hours or less.

The NE LHIN has a total of 19 network corporations under one Meditech (electronic information sharing) system – the highest in the province.

Of the 11 nurse practitioner-led clinics in various stages of being established in Ontario, 6 are located in Northeastern Ontario.

Of the 170 family health teams in Ontario, 27 are located in Northeastern Ontario. NE LHIN wait times for hip replacements are down from the target of 300 days to 215 days.

More than 50 community based programs are receiving Aging at Home support to help our region's seniors live independent lives in their preferred setting longer.

reporting of French language services for the NE LHIN. In her leisurely time, Lise Anne enjoys the outdoors and the arts.

Anne Proulx-Séguin

French Language Services Coordinator, North Bay Office



Anne joined the NE LHIN with the transfer of the MOHLTC regional French Language Health Services program. With 10 years work experience as a French Language Health Services Consultant, Anne is responsible for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of French Language Services. A mother of two and West Nipissing resident for 30 years, Anne enjoys family outdoor trips, cross-country skiing and music.

Monique Lapalme

French Language Services Coordinator, Sudbury Office



Monique joined the NE LHIN with the transfer of the MOHLTC regional French Language Health Services program. She has worked in the area of French language health services (FLHS) since 1991 and will be responsible for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of French Language Services. Formerly a Medical Radiation Technologist, Monique enjoys photography and volunteering in the Francophone community.

Monique Mechefske

Senior Director, Integration, French Language Services, Aboriginal Services, North Bay Office



Monique is responsible for NE LHIN work in such areas as French Language Health Services, Aboriginal Services and all aspects of integration. Born and raised in Mattawa, Monique has had extensive experience working in health care, previously as the Regional Coordinator for the Ministry of Health, manager of Employment Supports and Special Services at Home Program, and Program Supervisor for the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

General Health Care News

Free Nursing and eHealth Education course

eHealth for Every Nurse

The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario is offering a free online, self-directed learning module, **eHealth for Every Nurse** - designed to help nurses learn about eHealth and how it affects daily practices.

Self-directed presentations allow participants to work at their own pace via the internet.

For more information:

- [Access eHealth for Every Nurse](#)
- For questions please contact, Carol Cameletti, RN at ccameletti@hrsrh.on.ca

Are you Passionate about high quality cancer care services?

Cancer Quality Council of Ontario Seeks Members

The Cancer Quality Council of Ontario is an advisory group created to guide Cancer Care Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in their efforts to improve the quality of cancer care in the province.

The Council is looking for additional members to serve in these voluntary positions. Find out how to apply to become a CQCO Member here

<http://www.cancercare.on.ca/about/cqco/>

North East Rehab Network Announces Re-Branding

The North East Rehab Network is responsible for providing rehabilitation resources to people across Northeastern Ontario. Later this month the North East Rehab Network will launch their new name, logo, website and common rehabilitation referral form. Website and referral form details to follow in the October edition of NE-News.

Are you, or someone you know, making a difference in Ontario's health care system?

Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo 2010

Presented by HealthAchieve, in partnership with the Government of Ontario, Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo 2010, will showcase initiatives driving health system renewal in Ontario. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 10th.

The Health Care Expo is an opportunity for health service providers to network with other providers across the province and to share and gather best practices.

To register for the Expo and for more information please visit www.health.gov.on.ca/innovations.

Last year's Expo had representation from three Northeastern Ontario health service providers including:

- **Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre:** Featured their Natural Bowel Care Program, which involves the addition of flax into the diets of

patients. (One of the top three finalists).

- **Northeastern Ontario Infection Control Network:** Highlighted their academic resource kit for Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), created to provide health care educators with teaching resources and tools to facilitate IPAC learning and good practices.
- **Timmins and District Hospital:** Showcased their Search for the Stars Program, created by the hospital's Patient Safety Committee to promote the use of standard patient identifiers.

Accessing Primary Care in Northeastern Ontario

Where do I go?

Navigating through the health care system to receive the appropriate care can be overwhelming for people. Unfortunately many people have come to think that their health care needs can be met in their local Emergency Department (ED), leading to increased wait times.

Primary Care has many options

In Northeastern Ontario primary care makes up a large portion of our overall health care system with: 417 family/walk-in clinics, 27 family health teams, 6 community health centres, 6 nurse practitioner-led clinics, 16 nursing stations, and a toll-free Telehealth number.

In August, citizens of Northeastern Ontario benefitted from back-to-back frontline health care announcements. Three new nurse practitioner-led clinics were announced for Capreol, North Bay and Thessalon – these are in addition to the already existing clinics in Sudbury/Lively, Sault Ste. Marie and French River.

Six new family health teams were announced for New Liskeard, Sturgeon Falls, Powassan, Blind River and two in Sault Ste. Marie.

The establishment of both these primary health care models across the North East is helping to address long-standing patient access issues in the region.



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It's a Group Effort

NE LHIN Works with Community Groups across the Region on ALC Pressures

An aging population is not unique to Northeastern Ontario, with 3% more seniors than the provincial average and the highest rate of Alternate Level of Care (ALC) at 29% compared to the provincial average of 16%.

On August 31st, the NE LHIN confirmed its investment of \$17 million for the Aging

at Home strategy. More than 55 programs and services across the region are being funded out of this strategy.

Community steering groups across the region are working to make a difference in meeting the needs of our growing frail and elderly population. Currently 26% of the region's hospital beds are occupied by patients who do not require 24-hour care and are awaiting placement in a long-term care home, supportive housing unit or rehabilitation and assistance necessary to return home.

Visit www.nelhin.on.ca to learn more about our community steering groups.

Sudbury ALC Community Steering Group	Parry Sound Solutions Group
 Co-Chair, Dr. Peter Zalan, Medical Staff President at Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (also co-chaired by Terry Tilleczek, Senior Director NE LHIN)	 Co-Chair, John Lee, Grants development officer for the West Parry Sound Health Centre (also co-chaired by Terry Tilleczek, Senior Director NE LHIN)
Sault Ste. Marie Solutions Group	Nipissing ALC Partnership
 Co-Chair, Shelley McEachern, Administrator of Extendicare Tendercare (also co-chaired by Terry Tilleczek, Senior Director NE LHIN)	 Co-Chair, Cynthia Desormiers, CEO West Nipissing General Hospital

Get Connected!

Health Care Connect is a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care program that provides information and resources for how access additional health care services in a given community - helping individuals connect to a family health care provider.

[Learn more.](#)