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Echo News - October 2010 - Special Edition

Echo Advances on Equity and Cancer Screening Just Released



Read Echo's recommendations for decision-makers and screening providers

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Echo is pleased to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the [Ontario Breast Screening Program](#) this year. The program has screened over 1.1 million women since its inception, provided 3.6 million total screens and detected over 19,000 breast cancers.

While this represents a significant accomplishment in cancer care for Ontario women, colorectal, cervical and breast cancer screening remain below the provincial targets. With income, age and geographic location strongly linked to screening uptake, it is clear that action is needed to provide a more equitable system of access to care for Ontario women.

Read Echo's recommendations on how Ontario can reach its targets for cancer screening in the following Echo Advances:

[Equity in Cancer Screening: Recommendations for Decision Makers](#) 

[Equity in Cancer Screening: Recommendations for Screening Providers](#) 

Visit our [Echo Advance page](#) for upcoming recommendations on violence against women and mental health and addictions.

Echo is pleased to announce successful applicants for the following projects

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Initiating a Current State/Knowledge Review on Cardiac and Stroke Rehabilitation for Women in Ontario

Dr. Tracey Colella, Toronto Rehab and Dr. Judith Francis, London Health Sciences Centre

\$66,000.00 to provide a set of recommendations to close the gap between best practise cardiac rehabilitation and stroke rehabilitation for women and the current state. This project will inform future work and engagement with others interested in cardiac/stroke rehabilitation.

[Read the release..](#)

Informal caregiver education: Best practices for empowering caregivers

Dr. Catherine Brookman, Laura Jakob, Nancy Lefebvre, Saint Elizabeth Health Care; Dr. Paul Holyoke, University of Toronto; Elizabeth Tapping

\$50,000 to determine the current best practice programs and/or tools which provide education to informal caregivers and to create recommendations for cost effective caregiver education support priorities for a range of informal caregivers across Ontario.

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Survey: Exploring Women's Involvement in Health Organizations and Systems



The following **province-wide online survey** is part of a research study funded by Echo: Improving Women's Health in Ontario. Its purpose is to help us understand the extent and nature of women's involvement in Ontario's health system. It is designed to explore how and to what extent health organizations across Ontario are involving women in their structure, policies and operations. The study will end with a community forum.

You can learn more about this project [here](#).

The survey takes on average 20 minutes to complete. **It should be completed by yourself or someone else who has the big picture of your organizational governance, policies and programs.** Each organization is to complete this survey only once. The survey will be open until November 1 2010.

[Complete the survey](#)

If you have any questions about our research, please contact [Tanya Darisi](#) at the Centre for Community Based Research.

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