

Physician Participation in Ontario Health Teams (OHTs)

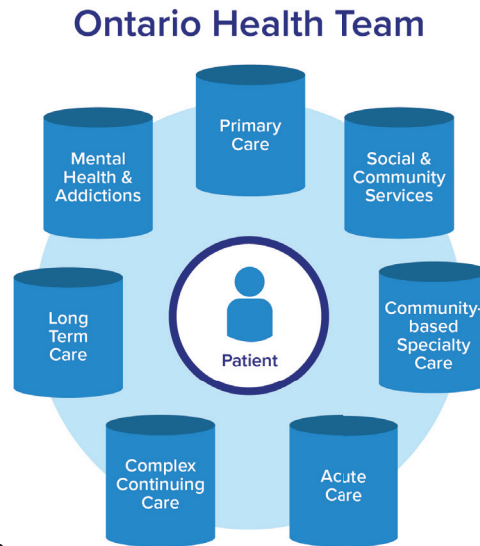
OHT development has begun.

Ontario is undergoing a health system transformation that involves developing integrated healthcare delivery systems called Ontario Health Teams (OHTs).

OHTs will consist of groups of healthcare organizations, physicians, and other healthcare providers working together as a team to provide the full continuum of care for their patient population.

The OMA supports the goal of OHTs to achieve an integrated health system.

Many groups across the province have already assembled and are working through the steps to become designated as OHTs.



The Ministry of Health will identify an OHT that might be appropriate for you.

The Ministry of Health will use patient access data to identify an OHT that might be a good fit for you. This is a suggestion only. You are free to pick which OHT you want to join.



The OMA will email you a letter once the Ministry of Health identifies an OHT for you. You may have already received your email.

The OHT the Ministry of Health identifies for you will include the acute care hospital where most of your patients receive inpatient care.

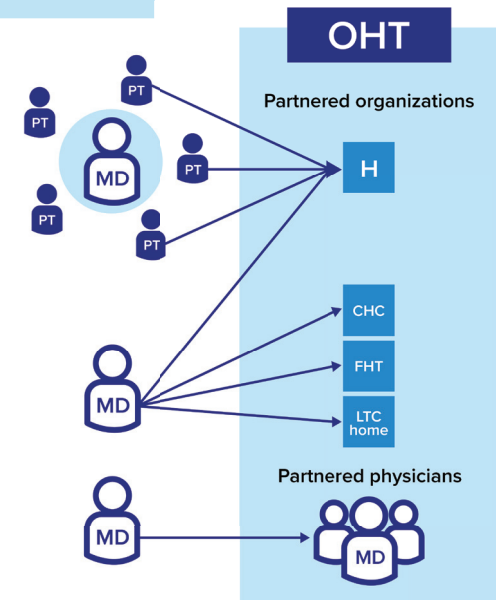
You can join an OHT in one of two ways:

Through your organization:

If the organization you work for has agreed to be part of an OHT, you can volunteer to join that OHT.

As an individual:

You can volunteer to join an OHT as an individual physician.



Participation in OHTs is voluntary.

You can choose whether or not to join an OHT. Your participation is voluntary regardless of whether you work in a hospital, an independent practice, or a group practice.

The OMA encourages both primary care physicians and specialists to get involved in OHTs as they are being created to ensure the collective physician voice is represented.

If you choose to participate, the OHT you join should make sense for you.

The OHT you choose should include the organizations where most of your patients access care.

The OMA will keep you informed about OHT development.

If you haven't received an email from the OMA yet, you can expect to get one once the Ministry of Health suggests an OHT for you.

Physician leadership will be one of the key success factors of OHTs. The OMA encourages all physicians to come together and organize physician associations that would assist with decision making and elect representatives to sit on OHT Governance Committees.

Questions? www.oma.org/OHT

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