

Principles

AFHTO believes that Comprehensive Primary Care is the foundation of a sustainable responsive health care system in Ontario. AFHTO strives to represent individuals and organizations committed to the following principles of Comprehensive Primary Care:

1. The basis of Comprehensive Primary Care is the existence of a Trusting Accessible relationship between patients and their primary care providers.
2. Comprehensive Primary Care is accountable to the population it serves.
3. Comprehensive Primary Care needs to represent the expectations and needs of the population it serves.
4. Comprehensive Primary Care embraces the opportunity for group (team) objectives, dynamics and outcomes.
5. Comprehensive Primary Care embraces the opportunity for the innovative use of all service provider skills in the achievement of group (team) objectives, dynamics and outcomes.
6. Comprehensive Primary Care embraces the responsibility of Health System stewardship, conservation and sustainability.
7. Comprehensive Primary Care incorporates all the PCCCAR Functions, namely:
 1. Health assessment
 2. Clinical evidence-based illness prevention and health promotion
 3. Appropriate interventions for episodic illness and injury
 4. Primary reproductive care
 5. Early detection, initial and ongoing treatment of chronic illnesses
 6. Care for the majority of illnesses (with specialists as needed)
 7. Education and supports for self-care
 8. Support for hospital care and care provided in-home and in long term care facilities
 9. Arrangements for 24 hours/ 7 day a week response
 10. Service co-ordination and referral
 11. Maintenance of a comprehensive client health record
 12. Advocacy
 13. Primary mental health care including psycho-social counseling.
 14. Co-ordination and access to rehabilitation
 15. Support for people with terminal illnesses