

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HEALTH TEAMS OF ONTARIO

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

2019

Nomination

Enabling high-performing primary health care

Couchiching Family Health Team

The Couchiching Family Health Team and Simcoe County Community Paramedicine Program Makes a Marked Difference in Health Care for the Vulnerable



The County of Simcoe Community Paramedicine Program (CPP) has partnered with the Couchiching Family Health Team (CFHT) to provide the most vulnerable in our community with the follow-up they need outside of hospital and doctor's offices. Through access to the CFHT EMR and direct connection with primary care practitioners, patient care is enhanced in ways it has not been before. In addition, this partnership has proved to have a positive impact on reducing 911 call volumes, emergency department visits, and reducing primary care visits for patients engaged in the program. Since its inception in 2015, data has consistently shown this to be an invaluable program and partnership in our community.