

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HEALTH TEAMS OF ONTARIO

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

Nomination

Integrated care and community responses

Toronto Western Family Health Team

FHT-Led mobile COVID-19 testing in partnership with community organizations and networks



Initially borne out of a response to the Ministry of Health's declaration of a looming LTC crisis, outreach attempts made by physicians at our FHT to nearby LTC homes revealed a desperate need for assistance with testing due to reduced staffing, insufficient supply of PPE/swabs, and lack of support. Their efforts have since evolved into the UHN Mobile COVID-19 Testing initiative, a partnership with numerous health networks and organizations which now tests >5000 patients spanning LTC, retirement homes, group homes, shelters, rooming houses, and other high-risk congregate living sites.