

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

2023

**Nomination: 3. Organizing primary care to advance Ontario Health Teams**

**Renfrew County Primary Care Networking Steering Committee**

**The creation and sustainment of the Renfrew County Primary Care Network Steering Committee: A History of Ottawa Valley OHT (OVOHT) Support.**



The concept of the Renfrew County Primary Care Network (RCPCN) was born in 2017-18 by Drs. Declan Rowan and Richard Johnson for all physicians. Monthly meetings were initiated and continued until the group expanded to include Executive Directors and NPs of local FHTs/CHCs. Strategies to address NP/MD shortages, admin burden, the high number of unattached patients, the tsunami of anticipated clinician retirements and managing highly complex unattached patients in the ER were discussed in a safe environment. The Network has fostered collaboration, transparency and innovation resulting in new initiatives to meet the complex primary care challenges faced in the County.