

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

2023

**Nomination: 1. Using a population-based approach to provide care to the community**

**East Elgin Family Health Team**

**East Elgin Family Health Team (EEFHT) Nurse Practitioners are making a difference across Elgin County for people not attached to a family doctor. Primary Care access expanded to include unattached patients in our community**



The EEFHT Nurse Practitioners deserve recognition for how they have stepped up to provide various forms of care to unattached patients from newborns to seniors, in our community. Out of a crisis for patients (approx. 2700) of the EEFHT created by two physicians closing their practices, our NP's have sought and implemented avenues for unattached patients to have access to care, while they are still providing high quality care to the EEFHT enrolled patient base. When approached by Organizations outside of the FHT, with various initiatives and requests for help, (see below) there was never a moment when these NP's considered that they would not have the capacity, knowledge or have enough time. By supporting each other to be involved in various capacities, the NP's have created a balance for enrolled patients and the unattached patient programs.

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