

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

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

North York Family Health Team

Creating and Supporting a Successful Primary Care Network



FHT physicians, with support from NYFHT and our OHT, our physician leaders took the helm of organizing 95 FHT family physicians plus 130 community primary care providers to form our Primary Care Network. An iterative process beginning in 2021 through extensive physician engagement and value-propositioning to go from a Working Group to an Association, to a formal Network that brings resources, best practices, and a forum for providers to advance our common OHT vision of advancing excellence in healthcare. The leads created the governance and vision for this group and through distributed leadership, collective voices and community partnerships. In forming the governance, ensuring the local needs across our region was top of mind. As such the leadership of the network includes physician members representing the various models and areas and a patient and caregiver health council representative. Each member leads an initiative which includes SCOPE, Mental Health and Addictions, Digital, Seniors Health, and Cancer Screening. These various viewpoints help to bring the diversity needed by the council to address local needs. The leads have been instrumental in the delivery of our community health information fair which brings health to unattached residents, and care such as vaccinations and cancer screening.

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