

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS 2021

Nomination: Integrated care for older adults living with complex health conditions

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Improving Access to Primary Care in Toronto Community Housing for Seniors during the Pandemic and Beyond



In March 2020, the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team (SAFHT) collaborated with diverse community partners to connect nine North Toronto seniors' buildings to primary care. On-site clinics were established and influenza and COVID vaccines were administered. Two buildings have continued to provide on-site and in-home primary team based care with the support of the SAFHT and Baycrest Health Science Centre. In person visits as well as virtual connections to local primary care providers and specialists have promoted timely access to both. This model has built new relationships between organizations and sectors to provide efficient and accessible team based primary care.