

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

Nomination: Sustainable solutions to primary care problems

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Virtual Medical Abortion Program**



We are a small Northern Ontario rural FHT serving a population of ~3500 people. A significant gap was noted in access to medical abortion (MA) in our URBAN referral center, as there are no providers delivering MA services in that city or surrounding communities. We expanded our MA program to include a virtual program to provide care to an underserved urban population. MA is a part of women's health and is primary care and as providers it is important to address ALL women's health issues / concerns. Our program is unique in that the referral pattern is urban clients to a rural clinic rather than the traditional rural to urban referral pattern.