



– NIPISSING – WELLNESS

ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

We pride ourselves in strengthening our partnerships within the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team [NW OHT] and with our regional hospital during this pandemic. Together, we've helped each other succeed through these incredibly stressful times.

There are now 30+ members within our OHT, including a focus on Long-Term Care, Retirement Homes, Indigenous Community Care, Mental Health & Addictions, Acute Care, Primary Care, Home & Community Care, Community Support Services, Children's Services, Equity and Patient & Family Collaboration Network.

GROWING IN UNEXPECTED WAYS

Nipissing Wellness has been busy since November 2019, when our OHT was first announced by Christine Elliott, Minister of Health. Team members are working hard on our shared commitment to better connect patients and providers in the community.

While the pandemic has delayed our efforts, it allowed us to come together in different ways. For example, OHT members have worked together to provide supports and buying power for PPE and other critical supplies.

In October 2020, members regrouped to assess and enhance our commitments, agreeing on a collaborative decision-making framework. This effort supports our goal to transform delivery of health care and improve teamwork across our diverse provider network.



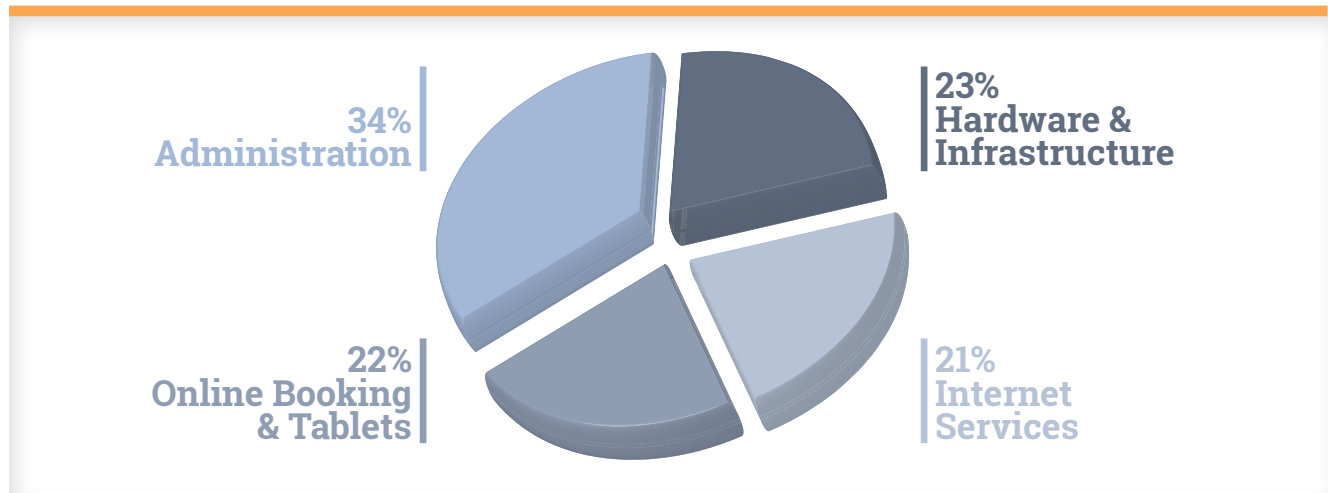
PATIENT & FAMILY COLLABORATION NETWORK

A huge achievement within our OHT is the creation of our own Patient & Family Collaboration Network.

Our PFCN includes six members of the community, who provide their perspective on service planning and delivery. One community PFCN member is part of each team/network.

The PFCN is recognized as part of each team and will bring the voices of patients and their caregivers to our discussions on how to improve.

\$ 200,000



FUNDING TO THE DIGITAL HEALTH TEAM

Nipissing Wellness OHT has allocated about \$200,000 of this funding to our digital health team – the expansion of services for our primary care physicians in 2020/21. The goal is to support patients through virtual visits, on-line bookings, messaging and e-forms. Additional funding has been allocated to continue connecting with more physicians and clinics to enhance their services.

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OHTS AND HAS DEDICATED FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR GOALS.

WE'RE WORKING WITH...

REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

We have signed up with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario's [RNAO] Best Practice Spotlight Organization [BPSO] to be part of their Cohort Two.

Five significant member organizations will continue to be dedicated to best practices in patient and family centred care and care transitions, supported

by the RNAO. They are:

- » Centre de Santé Communautaire de Nipissing Ouest | West Nipissing Community Health Centre
- » CarePartners
- » Cassellholme, East Nipissing District Home for the Aged
- » Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada
- » North Bay Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic

Throughout this effort, there is a strong focus on coaching, capacity building, rapid learning, evaluation and sustainability.

We're excited to be part of this select group, to build relationships and future excellence in health care for the entire community.

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Best Practice Spotlight Organizations (BPSO)

What is a Best Practice Spotlight Organization?

Best Practice Spotlight Organizations®

The Best Practice Spotlight Organization® (BPSO®) designation was launched as a key knowledge translation strategy in 2003 and is targeted to support best practice guideline (BPG) implementation, rapid learning and evidence-based practice sustainability at the individual, organizational and health system levels to optimize clinical and health outcomes. BPSOs have been established across Ontario and throughout the world, in all sectors. BPSO designation is an opportunity for health service and academic organizations to formally partner with RNAO over a three-year period to achieve designation. Following this period, the partnership is renewed biennially, based on the achievement of required deliverables. The goal is to create evidence-based practice cultures through systematic implementation and evaluation of multiple RNAO clinical BPGs.

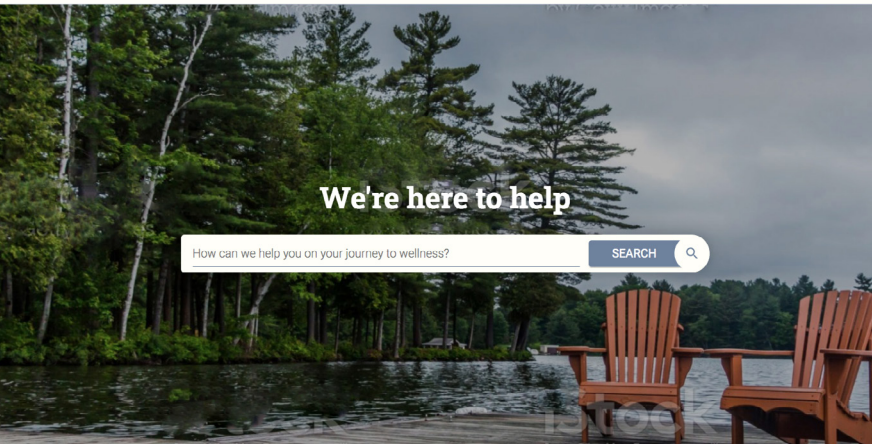
BPSO Types and Models

There are over 1000 BPSOs provincially, nationally and internationally. There are two types of BPSOs, and several BPSO models to consider for organizations interested in applying to become a BPSO: (see table below).

BPSO Types and Models

Models of BPSOs

Types of BPSOs



We're here to help

How can we help you on your journey to wellness?

SEARCH



MEETING CHALLENGES – TOGETHER

Our Long Term-Care Homes have been tasked to perform as many as three rapid tests a week for all their staff and caregivers. This is a huge undertaking. Stakeholders have collaborated and enhanced their communication strategies by sharing their processes. Being able to count on – and learn from – partners provides comfort for our team members. We're in this together!

We're all looking forward to better days ahead when we can be together, in person.

Stay Safe!

Jamie Lowery and Dr. Paul Preston

OUR NEW WEBSITE

NIPISSINGWELLNESS.CA

March 31, 2021 is the 'soft launch' date of our new website.

We are taking a phased approach to building our website. First, we want to introduce ourselves to the community and give users a way to find our partners.

We also want to keep everyone informed about the progress we're making.

In phase two, we'll add more tools to direct people to the partner[s] that can best serve them.

Throughout the process, we'll continue to add more partners, build a library of resources and provide information.

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