

Primary Care Network (PCN) Engagement Resource

For new and prospective primary care organization partners. Your OHT can help bridge your needs, as primary practices, with available resources that different partners have to offer.

Purpose

This resource introduces the Ottawa West Four Rivers OHT Primary Care Network (PCN), current 2026-27 opportunities, and the practical next steps for primary care organizations interested in partnering with the network.

375+

Clinicians practicing across the PCN

27

Practices represented at the Primary
Care Council (PCC)

9

PCC voting members

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE

Primary Care Council (PCC)

The PCC provides primary care leadership, expertise, and decision-making support to the OHT on issues affecting clinicians and their patients.

The PCC meets monthly to help direct the primary care activities undertaken by the OHT.

PCC meetings also provide opportunities for peer-to-peer exchange and information sharing on issues relevant to primary care.

Any practicing primary care clinician and/or administrator is welcome to join the PCC and attend the monthly meetings.

Lived experience partners are also represented within the PCC.

PCC Decision Making

To support decision-making by PCC, a representative voting structure is in place. Voting members are clinicians only and represent a range of primary care practices, professional roles, and geographic areas across OWFR.

PCC Executive Leadership Team

A small executive is in place to oversee the work of the PCC. Two clinical members of this team participate as full voting members at the OHT's Collaborative Leadership Committee (CLC), which oversees OHT decision-making.

Primary Care Council voting members:

- Aqeel Degani - Rideau Valley Health Services – Nepean/Barrhaven
- Cathy Motz - Palladium Medical Centre – Kanata
- Colby Burns - Kemptville Health and Wellness Centre – Kemptville
- Danesh Sood - Brightside Medical Clinic – Kanata
- Fabian Schwarz - Prince of Wales Retirement Home – Nepean/Barrhaven
- Farrah Issa – West Ottawa Nepean Family Health Organization – West Ottawa/Nepean
- Jamie Fullerton – Ottawa Valley Family Health Team – Carleton Place
- Karen Ferguson - West Carleton Family Health Team – Carp
- Karen Turcotte - Ottawa Valley Family Health Team – Almonte

PCC Leadership Team members:

- Dr. Aqeel Degani
- Dr. Colby Burns
- Dr. Farrah Issa
- Dr. Karen Ferguson
- Chris LeBouthillier

PCN eNewsletter: sent monthly to all PCN members and includes relevant and brief updates about network priorities, learning opportunities, and ways to participate.

PCN Lunch & Learn series email: sent monthly to promote the next primary care focused session in the series and to share materials and recordings from previous sessions accessible on our PCN portal

PCC meeting packages: members receive pre- and post-meeting information and resources

OHT website: information about our PCN and upcoming events is available on our public website.

PCN Portal: accessible via our website, the PCN portal includes links to useful resources for primary care

2026-27 PCN Work Plan & Engagement Opportunities

Current initiatives that PCN members can access. PCN members can get involved in specific projects and can participate in OHT and PCN hosted engagement or learning sessions. Information about these opportunities are sent out in our communications.

Initiative	What it means for primary care organizations
UK physician recruitment program	Dr. Daniel Chapman has developed this program to support matching family physicians with local practices who are recruiting. To learn more about the program or express interest: Primary Care Resources Education ottawawestfourrivers.ca..
Mohawk Medbuy OHTconnect	Free access to hospital-negotiated pricing on medical and office supplies, including Stevens and Staples. Submit the interest form.
Supported attachment	OHT provides programs to support the attachment of Health Care Connect patients and newborns with local practices. Contact Matthew Graveline to discuss how your organization can participate.
IPCT expansion (Round 3)	Kanata-Stittsville taskforce and incremental IPCT programming.
MHASUH Primary Care-Psychiatry	Short-term, small-group collaboration connecting primary care with mental health, addictions, substance use health, and psychiatry supports.
Primary care digital supports	We support communication to our PCN about relevant digital programs and initiatives (e.g. eReferral/eConsult, Central Intakes, primary care medical record). We support existing partners with Online Appointment Booking. We offer support for digital improvements in partnership with OntarioMD.
PCN Lunch & Learn	Topics for this series are selected by our primary care community and offer relevant information and peer-to-peer exchange opportunities. This monthly virtual is Mainpro+ accredited. Recordings and resources are shared in our Primary Care Portal following each session.
Year 2 Cyber Security and Phishing Awareness Training	Ontario Health East's free Year 2 Cyber Security and Phishing Awareness Training offers 40 minutes of practical learning, assessments and a phishing simulation to help staff protect patient information and reduce workplace risks. https://ottawawestfourrivers.ca/resources/

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PCN!

New or prospective partners

[Complete the Partnership Expression of Interest.](#) The OWFR team will follow up to learn about your interests and discuss ways to participate.



Existing partners

[Access the password-protected Primary Care Portal](#)



Scan for the public PCN overview and Partnership Expression of Interest.

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