

## GWPA Update — May 2023

Guelph Wellington Physician Association

[www.GWPA.ca](http://www.GWPA.ca)



### Message: GWPA Physician Lead

Dear Guelph & Wellington Colleagues,

We were grateful that so many of you joined last month's GWPA webinar on [Connect My Health](#). More than 50 local physicians attended to learn about this patient-focused clinical portal which is launching in our region shortly. For notes from the webinar, go to [www.GWPA.ca](http://www.GWPA.ca) and click under "Events".



On Tuesday June 6th, GWPA is hosting a webinar on **Integrated Patient Care Teams**, a new primary care model being established in Guelph and Wellington. Local physicians Dr. Ellen Pavanel and Dr. Chris Stemerink will describe how this model can help improve practice. See section below for registration details.

If you have questions or suggestions for GWPA please contact us. We wish you best wishes for a healthy and successful spring!

Dr. Ian Digby – [GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com)

### GWPA Physician Forum Event

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#### *How can Integrated Care Teams Help Manage Patient Needs?*

Date: **Tuesday June 6, 7:00-8:00pm**

Where: **Zoom**

Panel: **Dr. Ellen Pavanel and Dr. Chris Stemerink**

[Register Here for Forum](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-can-integrated-care-teams-help-manage-patient-needs-gwpa-forum-tickets-635487749967>

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Presented by Guelph Wellington Physician Association  
In association with Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team

#### GWPA Mission Statement

GWPA is a collaborative, inclusive and diverse community of physicians from across the Guelph Wellington OHT, working together with community partners to create an effective transformation of our health system. We support our membership in the pursuit of successful ethical practice, professional excellence and person /professional fulfilment. We strive to create seamless transitions, improve efficiencies, and foster excellent patient/family care.

### GWPA Advocacy Activities

GWPA members continue to engage with the Guelph Wellington community to ensure the physician voice is included at all discussion and decision tables..

- **GW OHT Steering Committee** – [Dr. Christine Peterkin](#) and [Dr. Will Ruddock](#) represent GWPA at this monthly meeting of the GW OHT Core Partner agencies. The mandate of the GW OHT Steering Committee is to understand the health of the GW OHT priority populations – including health equity and social determinants of health – and lead transformational system change for the GW OHT population.
- **GW OHT Governance Council** – [Dr. Ian Digby](#) represents GWPA at this monthly meeting of the Board of Governors representatives from each of the GW OHT Direct Core Partners. GW OHT Governance Council provides governance oversight for the GW OHT.
- **GW OHT Working Group—Privacy & Stewardship** – [Dr. Kevin Samson](#) is Physician Lead for this group which supports the development of the foundational infrastructure and culture within GW OHT to ensure information such as patient charts and digital data is shared safely and securely amongst providers and patients.
- **GW OHT Physician Recruitment**—[Dr. Ian Digby](#) represents GWPA with on this community table with health care, government and business leaders to consider what is needed to support robust physician recruitment to address the current and future needs of our communities.
- **GW OHT Advisory Group—Integrated Patient Care Teams** – [Dr. Ellen Pavanel](#) represents GWPA at this table which works to deliver care that is more connected to patients in their communities. Under this model, health care providers (including hospitals, primary care and home and community care providers) work as one integrated team, no matter where they provide care. Join the GWPA webinar on Tue June 6th to learn more about Integrated Patient Care Teams!
- **GW OHT Working Group - Digital Health** - [Dr. Kevin Samson](#) is the Physician Lead for this group which has been formed to prioritize, promote and enable digital health tools in the GW OHT. Physician representation is key to maintaining a practical, clinical, patient and provider-based focus.

If you have interest in learning more please let us know: [GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com)

### GWPA Steering Committee Members

Physician Lead—[Ian Digby](#). [Phil Deacon](#), [Doug Friars](#), [Phil Harvey](#), [Richa Mittal](#), [Rob Norrie](#), [Christine Peterkin](#), [Will Ruddock](#), [Kevin Samson](#), [Julie Weinstein](#)

GWPA Steering Term runs annually July to June. The committee meets quarterly. There are a few vacancies for 2023-2024. If you are a Guelph Wellington Family Physician or Specialist and you have interest in joining the GWPA Steering Committee please contact [GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:GWPhysicianAssociation@gmail.com)

### GWPA Website

GWPA is on-line. Check us out at [www.GWPA.ca](http://www.GWPA.ca). Thank you to [Dr. Richa Mittel](#) for doing this work.

