

Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of GWPA Update from the Guelph Wellington Physician Association. This will be distributed quarterly to keep GWPA members aware of activities of our Association and the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team (GW OHT).

Regional Physician Recruitment

Attracting new Family Physicians and specialists to Guelph and Wellington is essential to maintain the work we do. GWPA is working with Guelph Wellington OHT organizations to develop a long-term strategy for physician recruitment to ensure we promote our region for potential candidates. Plans are being developed to hire recruitment specialists to implement digital marketing and other advertising strategies. We believe it's essential to give a warm welcome to new physicians and create opportunities for connections within the medical community. If you are interested to support this recruitment initiative please contact us.

Digital Health Update

Connecting Care

Featuring 3 digital health tools being implemented in our OHT to help connect care

Hypercare www.hypercare.com



- secure texting between providers
- use your smartphone or computer, similar to WhatsApp
- change your status - active, unavailable, away
- forward messages to covering doc
- built in schedule for on duty and on call
- 350 licenses in use - current funding for 100 more

Use case scenarios

- hospitalist connects with fam doc for discharge planning
- fam doc connects with specialist on call about referral

eReferral www.oceanreferralnetwork.ca



- send referrals online
- more reliable, more secure and less work than faxing
- done right from the patient chart in the EMR
- search lists of specialists and services
- includes locations and average wait times
- automatically pulls up forms and auto-populates them
- automatically notifies patients of referrals
- tracks the status of the referral in the patient's chart
- no cost

ConnectMyHealth info.connectmyhealth.ca



- gives patients online access to their health information
- includes hospital reports
- soon to include community labs and radiology clinics
- available to patients in our OHT in the new year
- no cost to patients or providers

For more info please contact Emmi.Perkins@GuelphWellingtonOHT.com

Guelph Wellington Education in Medicine

Since Feb 2021, Dr Joan Chan has been hosting Zoom education sessions for the Guelph-Wellington healthcare community called GEMS (Guelph-Wellington Education in Medicine Series). The main audience is primary care, but we have regular at-



tendees from other sectors of our local healthcare system including hospitalists and community specialists. Joan's vision for the series is to recognize and reflect back a community of healthcare providers who are passionate about caring for their patients, as well as taking care of each other. She is always looking for more speakers to offer a rich variety of high-yield education to her audience - you can email her at joanchan86@gmail.com if you want to come on ashare what you know with your community!

Website for more information: <https://guelph-wellington-primary-care-education-series.mailchimpsites.com/>

GWPA Board Profiles

Representative — **Dr. Kevin Samson**

Clinical Lead for GW OHT Digital Health and Privacy and Security



As a family doc practicing in Guelph for 35 years I've seen amazing changes in healthcare. Having a special interest in digital health, it's been exciting to see how innovation can help improve care. With the formation of our OHT, we need to ensure that physicians have a strong voice in determining OHT priorities and objectives. Through GWPA we can help ensure that we stay focussed on care delivery that is in the best interest of providers, patients and our community.

Hospital representative — **Dr. Philip Harvey**

Family Physician working full time as a Hospitalist at Guelph General since 2014. When the GW OHT was starting in 2019, I helped in the formation of what became GWPA, and I have been on the executive of the GGH Professional Staff Association for the past 3 years.



As an ally I have been promoting Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) discussion and initiatives, and have started to advance a "Green" agenda for the hospital through my work on the PSA executive. As well, I have been promoting the Hypercare App as an efficient communication tool between hospital-based physicians and community primary care providers.

Rural representative - **Dr. Phil Deacon**

I am a rural GP. My Family Practice office is in Drayton and I work at the Palmerston and District Hospital (Emergency, inpatient care etc). Our work with GWPA is important to bring clinical experience and expertise to the Ontario Health Team development process to ensure that our patients' care remains the focus and concrete improvements to our system will have real impact on their health outcomes.



GWPA Board Members:

Chair - Will Ruddock

Joan Chan, Phil Deacon, Ian Digby, Doug Friars, Phil Harvey, Richa Mittal, Rob Norrie, Christine Peterkin, Kevin Samson

GWPA Members Meeting

We are planning a members meeting in January, 2023. Stay tuned!

Contact/More Information

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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 personal/professional fulfillment.

