

## Message: GWPA Physician Lead

Guelph Wellington Physician Association is shifting gears this spring to make ourselves more relevant to you, the local physician community! Our purpose at GWPA is to connect with local physicians to ensure your perspective is front and centre at the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team. We believe GW OHT has a great potential to improve our local healthcare system for everyone - physicians, patients, and our whole community - and our physician voice is essential to make it happen. We are planning several information sessions this spring about programs affecting you. The first, on ConnectMyHealth, will take place on April 25th - see below for registration details. In May we will give an overview about new programs to improve primary care. We will also be reaching out to get your feedback about how to improve our local health services. We look forward to connecting! Dr. Ian Digby



## Digital Health Update

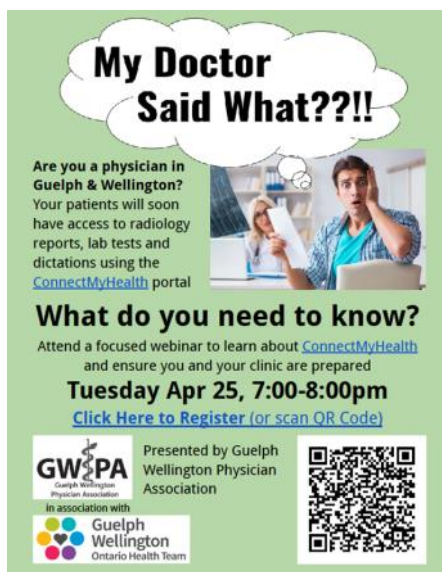
### ConnectMyHealth

Patients will soon be able to view their health records online!

By logging into [ConnectMyHealth](#), patients will be able to see their results, reports and dictations from many healthcare facilities, including our local hospitals, in a single, consolidated view. They will be able to sign themselves into ConnectMyHealth and this will likely be available to them in the next month or two. There will be no cost and no apps to download. Results and reports from community labs and radiology clinics will also be included in the near future.

Other key features of ConnectMyHealth include new results alerts, a customizable dashboard so that patients can organize the types of health records (modules) that are most important to them, and patient visits timelines which show scheduled hospital appointments. Patients will also be able to share their records with family and care partners.

For more information join our upcoming GWPA Physician Forum Event.



**My Doctor Said What??!**

Are you a physician in Guelph & Wellington? Your patients will soon have access to radiology reports, lab tests and dictations using the [ConnectMyHealth](#) portal

**What do you need to know?**  
Attend a focused webinar to learn about [ConnectMyHealth](#) and ensure you and your clinic are prepared

**Tuesday Apr 25, 7:00-8:00pm**  
[Click Here to Register](#) (or scan QR Code)

Presented by Guelph Wellington Physician Association  
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## GWPA Physician Forum Events

Tuesday April 25th – ConnectMyHealth - Speaker: Judy Baxter Foreman, Senior Consultant, Stakeholder Engagement ConnectMyHealth Patient Portal, Hamilton Health Sciences

[Register - here](#)

Future event in May – Integrated Patient Care Teams

## COVID Cold & Flu Care Clinics ...

Thanks to COVID Care Docs!

The COVID Cold & Flu Care Clinics recently closed on March 31st, 2023. We thank the 80+ Guelph Wellington physicians who served their community over 3 years during our time of crisis. Special thanks to Dr. Doug Friars for his leadership!

## GWPA Steering Committee Profiles

Family Physician Representative – **Dr. Rob Norrie** (Upper Grand FHT)

I have been practicing medicine in Elora-Fergus for the past 20 years. I am the lead physician for our FHO and continue to provide hospital, obstetrical and ED coverage. In addition to my medical practice, I have found great reward in teaching medical learners, which has become a great way to showcase rural and comprehensive medicine.



Having grown up in Guelph, I am thrilled to see my past and present communities come together with the shared goal of strengthening the delivery of health care. I am thoroughly impressed by the commitment and altruism of the physicians I serve alongside in GWPA. I am particularly keen to help support GWPA and the OHT in physician retention and recruitment.

Family Physician Representative – **Dr. Will Ruddock** (Guelph FHT)

Family physician working in office practice, LTC and palliative care. Back in Guelph, working and chasing after two kids, since 2008.

Why GWPA: I'm excited to work with GWPA to realize the early vision of Ontario Health Teams. We have great potential to add a collective physician voice to health care planning in the Guelph area. We can find a way to work together as physicians to create a community of care and to work with partners on local problems and local solutions.



Family Physician Representative - **Dr. Julie Weinstein** (Mount Forest FHT)

I have been practicing as a rural family physician since 2010, most recently in Mount Forest since 2018. As part of the Claire Stewart Medical Clinic and Louise Marshall Hospital since 2018, I have a family practice clinic, I work in the emergency department, GP oncology and as hospitalist, and also care for patients in long term care. Being part of GWPA allows me to play a role in the delivery of health care in our region, in the ways best suited for our unique patient population.



### GWPA Steering Members:

Physician Lead – Ian Digby, Phil Deacon, Doug Friars, Phil Harvey, Richa Mittal, Rob Norrie, Christine Peterkin, Will Ruddock, Kevin Samson, Julie Weinstein

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## 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 (Peterkin/Ruddock) – monthly GWPA attends with the Executive Directors and CEOs from Guelph Wellington health care agencies.
- GW OHT Governance Committee (Digby) - monthly GWPA attends with the Governors from Guelph Wellington health care agencies
- Physician Recruitment (Digby)
- Privacy & Security (Samson)
- Mental Health & Addictions (David Schieck)
- Home & Community Care (Ellen Pavanel)
- Physician Remuneration (Digby)