

Update for Hospital – Clinic Partnerships

Dear OACE Members,

As you may be aware, ON health is considering options to help deal with the provincial endoscopy backlog in our province. One of these options is the creation of OHP/ Hospital partnerships, based on the Barrie Endoscopy Pilot, which may allow for funding of cases to flow through hospitals to OHP's.

Since our last communication, we wanted to update you on the principles of such partnerships and as to the process and application documents which have been released (see below).

Guiding Principles:

1. Responds to an inability for the QBP hospital to fulfill its expected 2020/21 and/or 2021/22 allocation
2. Aligns with a regional approach to delivery of endoscopy services
3. Promotes the conversion of low-yield to high-yield endoscopy
4. Includes a commitment to managing referral patterns and monitoring volumes at each partner facility
5. Prioritizes patient access to high quality and timely care
6. Promotes optimization of endoscopy utilization at both sites

Process Considerations:

1. Must have physician buy-in, divisions of GI and Surgery
2. Present concept to Director or VP overseeing Endoscopy Services
3. Invite Regional Lead and RVP into Discussion
4. Set Up Meeting with CCO, Hospital and OHP
5. Complete Application Form, and concurrently Draft MOU between Hospital and OHP

Please see the enclosed Application Form which has been recently created by CCO.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or guidance.

Sincerely,



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