

## Dr. Rob Annis Named South West LHIN Clinical Quality Lead

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It is our great pleasure to announce that following a competitive process, Dr. Rob Annis is the successful candidate for the role of South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Clinical Quality Lead. In this position, Dr. Annis will have the opportunity to influence positive change, with the ultimate goal of aligning the quality agenda, and engaging the South West community to build on and help accelerate existing efforts to promote a culture of quality that will enable improved patient outcomes, experience of care and value for money.



Dr. Annis will have a dual reporting relationship to the Chief, Clinical Quality at Health Quality Ontario (HQO), as well as the CEO of the South West LHIN. Through the establishment of Regional Quality Tables, HQO and the LHINs are collaborating to advance clinical quality in a coordinated and impactful way across the province to support improvement in ways that are meaningful to patients. Dr. Annis will chair the South West Clinical Quality Table.

Dr. Annis has been a family physician in Listowel, Ontario for the last 22 years, and still maintains an active primary care practice that includes emergency room shifts, obstetrics, and surgical assists.

While working in various Primary Care models, including a Community Health Centre, private practice, and, over the last decade, with the North Perth Family Health Team, Dr. Annis has held numerous leadership positions. He was Medical Director of the Fordwich Village Nursing Home, Chief of Staff of the Listowel Memorial Hospital, the Lead Physician in the development of the North Perth Family Health Team, Chair of the North Perth Family Health Team Board, and Co-Chair of the South West LHIN Health System Leadership Council as well as a member of numerous South West LHIN committees including their Strategic Advisory Group and Chronic Disease Steering Committee. Dr. Annis has also held Primary Care Leadership roles, including the Regional Primary Care Lead for the South West Regional Cancer Program, the Primary Care Lead for the South West LHIN and the Co-Chair of the South West Primary Care Network, a network which he created while working as the Cancer Lead.

He is presently on the Board of the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO), Chair of their Physician's Leadership Council, and Facilitates Good Governance in Primary Care Boards through AFHTO's and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's Governing for Quality Program. Dr. Annis has received an Award of Excellence from the Canadian College of Family Physicians in 2011 and a Community Care Access Award in 2001.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Annis on his appointment to this important role.

Michael Barrett - CEO, South West LHIN

Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull - Chief, Clinical Quality, Health Quality Ontario