

Reena Dhatt, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Announcement

It is our great pleasure to announce that following a competitive process, Dr. Reena Dhatt is the successful candidate for the role of North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Clinical Quality Lead. In this position, Dr. Dhatt will have the opportunity to influence positive change, with the ultimate goal of aligning the quality agenda, and engaging the North East LHIN 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. Dhatt will have a dual reporting relationship to the Chief, Clinical Quality at Health Quality Ontario (HQO), as well as the Chief Executive Officer of the North East 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. Dhatt will chair the North East LHIN Regional Quality Table.

Dr. Reena Dhatt is a family physician who has been in active family practice for the last 25 years. In true Northern style, her experience not only includes care of a large and complex practice, but also covers work in the Emergency Department (Memorial Hospital), in-patient hospital care (Health Sciences North) and long-term care (Medical Director, Extendicare Falconbridge). She serves as a general practitioner (GP) allergist for the region and is certified in Travel Medicine and Occupational Medicine. As an Associate Professor, Family Medicine at Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), she has had an opportunity to teach undergraduate and postgraduate learners as well as assist in curriculum and policy development as the co-Site Director Postgraduate NOSM. Last year, she left this position to become the Primary Care LHIN lead for Sudbury where she was engaged in the development of Health Links, community networking and infrastructure planning for primary care in Sudbury. Her board work includes postings at Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association (NOAMA) and Physician Clinical Teacher's Association (PCTA) as well as at the Ontario Medical Association (OMA). She is the lead for the Sudbury Family Medicine Local Education Group. She also serves as a peer lead for OntarioMD (OMD).

Dr. Dhatt describes herself as a local doctor with deep roots and a commitment to her community. She is excited to work with other health care providers in her region who are passionate about health equity, have a commitment to quality, and believe that technology may make our journey easier.

She is a true Northerner who bikes, hikes, golfs, snowboards, cross-country skis and embraces the true virtues of a sauna.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Dhatt on her appointment to this important role.

Louise Paquette – Chief Executive Officer, North East LHIN
Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull - Chief, Clinical Quality, Health Quality Ontario

As chair of the Regional Quality Tables, the role of Clinical Quality Lead is key in bringing people together to advance the quality of patient care across Ontario's health system, says Lee Fairclough, Vice President Quality Improvement. "With Dr. Dhatt's leadership, we in Northeastern Ontario Communities.