

Announcement - Dr. Rebecca Van Iersel

It is our great pleasure to announce that Dr. Rebecca Van Iersel has been appointed to the role of Clinical Quality Lead for the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). In her new role, Dr. Van Iersel will have the opportunity to influence positive change that results in improved patient outcomes, and experience of care. The ultimate goal will be to align the quality agenda while engaging North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN communities to build on and help accelerate existing efforts to promote a culture of quality. Given her clinical leadership role within the NSM LHIN, it was appropriate for her to lead efforts on quality and contribute to the work on quality provincially as well.



For her work related to quality, Dr. Van Iersel will have a dual reporting relationship to the Chief, Clinical Quality at Health Quality Ontario (HQO), and the Chief Executive Officer of the North Simcoe Muskoka 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, supporting improvement in ways that are meaningful to patients. Dr. Van Iersel will chair the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Regional Quality Table.

Dr. Van Iersel is a family physician in Orillia. As a family doctor, she is passionate about comprehensive care.

Dr. Van Iersel has held many positions in her role as an accredited physician at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) including Past-President, Medical Staff Association and Program Medical Director, Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department, Family Medicine and Patient Flow. At OSMH, Dr. Van Iersel was a leader in improving Alternate Level of Care utilization, reducing patient lengths of stay, implementing standardized care and quality based procedures. In addition, she has been an active participant in the Improving and Driving Excellence Across Sectors (IDEAS) province-wide initiative.

Dr. Van Iersel received her Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Queen's University. She is a graduate of the OMA / CMA Physician Leadership Development Program.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Van Iersel on her appointment to this important role in the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN.

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