



Announcement - Dr. Tamara Wallington, MD, FRCPC

Following a competitive process, it is our great pleasure to announce Dr. Tamara Wallington as the successful candidate in the role of Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Clinical Quality Lead.

In her new role, Dr. Wallington will have the opportunity to influence positive change that results in improved patient outcomes, experience of care and value for money. The ultimate goal will be to align the quality agenda while engaging Central West LHIN communities to build on and help accelerate existing efforts to promote a culture of quality.

Dr. Wallington will have a dual reporting relationship to the Chief, Clinical Quality at Health Quality Ontario (HQO), and the Chief Executive Officer of the Central 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, supporting improvement in ways that are meaningful to patients. Dr. Wallington will chair the Central West LHIN Regional Quality Table.

Trained in internal medicine, public health and preventive medicine, Dr. Wallington is a staff physician at William Osler Health System in the Department of Medicine, and Corporate Medical Director for Quality and Patient Safety.

In her role as Medical Director Quality and Patient Safety, Dr. Wallington has led quality improvement initiatives including the design of a standardized process for the development and evaluation of standardized clinical decision tools. This includes order sets, clinical protocols, pathways and medical directives to facilitate the delivery of high-quality, evidenced-based care and a corporate quality based procedure governance structure. Additionally, Dr. Wallington has led the roll out of a corporate electrocardiogram (ECG) management system, an integrated diagnostic and management process for the early detection and treatment of sepsis in the Emergency Department, as well as a corporate anticoagulation initiative.

Since the introduction of Quality Based Procedures (QBPs), Dr. Wallington has been the lead physician for the implementation of over twelve QBPs and is currently leading an initiative focused on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and the delivery of an integrated, collaborative care model in the community. This model is in partnership with William Osler Health System, the Central West CCAC and Telehomecare, Health Links and Central West Self-Management Programs to ensure a smooth transition between acute care and home, as well as care where and when needed by patients.

In addition, Dr. Wallington is faculty in the provincial Improving and Driving Excellence Across Sectors (IDEAS) training program, a province-wide initiative to enhance Ontario's health system performance by increasing quality improvement, leadership and change management capacity across all health care sectors. (IDEAS was created and is delivered through a collaborative partnership among Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME) at the University of Toronto, Health Quality Ontario, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and seven Ontario universities.)

Having worked as a leader and educator in quality improvement, Dr. Wallington is committed to working with colleagues in the Central West LHIN to foster healthy communities through the delivery of innovative, adaptable, collaborative, high-quality and patient centered models of care.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Wallington on her appointment to this important role in the Central West LHIN.

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Chief Executive Officer, Central West LHIN

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Chief, Clinical Quality, Health Quality Ontario