

META: PHI Improves Care for Patients with Addictions

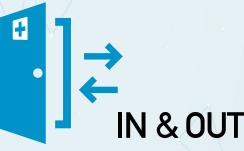
Mentoring, Education, and Clinical Tools for Addiction: Primary Care-Hospital Integration (META:PHI) is having real impact on the lives of people living with opioid and alcohol addiction.

ONTARIO IS FACING A GROWING OPIOID CRISIS

In 2015, approximately 2 people a day died of an opioid-related cause.

3,200

opioid-related emergency department visits in Ontario in 2014 alone. About half led to hospital admission.



Ontarians living with addictions often find themselves in and out of hospitals for opioid-related emergencies. Patients living with addiction

Patients living with addiction often feel stigmatized.

META: PHI CLINICS ACROSS ONTARIO







new META:PHI Rapid-Access Addiction Medicine clinics have spread from Toronto to other Ontario communities, offering much needed addictions support.

patients are estimated to be treated at META: PHI clinics by early 2018.

META: PHI IS CHANGING ADDICTIONS CARE FOR ONTARIANS

EASY, FAST ACCESS

META:PHI provides patients with easy and fast referral between emergency departments, addictions specialists and primary care providers.

SPECIAL TRAINING

META:PHI provides primary care providers with the support, resources and training they need to care for people living with addictions.

REDUCED WAIT TIMES

META:PHI's Rapid-Access Addiction Medicine clinics can reduce wait times for addictions specialists from eight months to less than three days.

REDUCED EMERGENCY CARE

+63%

For example, Health Sciences North in Sudbury has seen a 63% reduction in emergency department visits for META:PHI patients.

REDUCED STIGMA

META:PHI's patients have expressed that the patient-centred model has lessened the stigma they experience.

The spread of META:PHI to these 7 communities in Ontario was supported through ARTIC, a partnership of <u>Health Quality Ontario</u> and the <u>Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario</u> that accelerates the spread of proven health care across Ontario.



