Primary Care Collaborative Memory Clinics
Helping patients living with dementia receive care closer to home

The Adopting Research to Improve Care (ARTIC) Program supported a project to spread these clinics to rural, remote and underserviced communities across Ontario.

DEMENTIA IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN ONTARIO

Ontarians are currently living with dementia but only...

~200,000

129 geriatricians are practicing in Ontario as of 2018

This results in...

Excessive ED visits and hospitalizations
Long wait times to access specialty care
A high burden of suffering
High health care costs

PRIMARY CARE COLLABORATIVE MEMORY CLINICS ACROSS ONTARIO

16 new clinics have been established in rural, remote and underserviced regions in Ontario, bringing the total to 118 clinics.

133 clinical team members have been trained.

489 patients were referred to clinics in the first nine months after launch.

THESE CLINICS ARE IMPROVING CARE FOR PATIENTS...

Reduction in wait times to first appointment
Care closer to home
Patient and caregiver satisfaction
Empowerment

1.4 months
83%
96%
94%

...AND PHYSICIANS

Physician satisfaction

89%

Earlier referral, earlier diagnosis, earlier links to resources, I think dementia care really has improved dramatically.

–Participating physician

The spread of Primary Care Collaborative Memory Clinics across Ontario was supported through ARTIC, a partnership between Health Quality Ontario and the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario that accelerates the spread of proven health care across Ontario.

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