

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 underserved communities across Ontario.

DEMENTIA IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN ONTARIO

~200,000

Ontarians are currently living with dementia but only...

129

geriatricians are practicing in Ontario as of 2018

This results in...



Excessive ED visits and hospitalizations



Long wait times to access specialty care

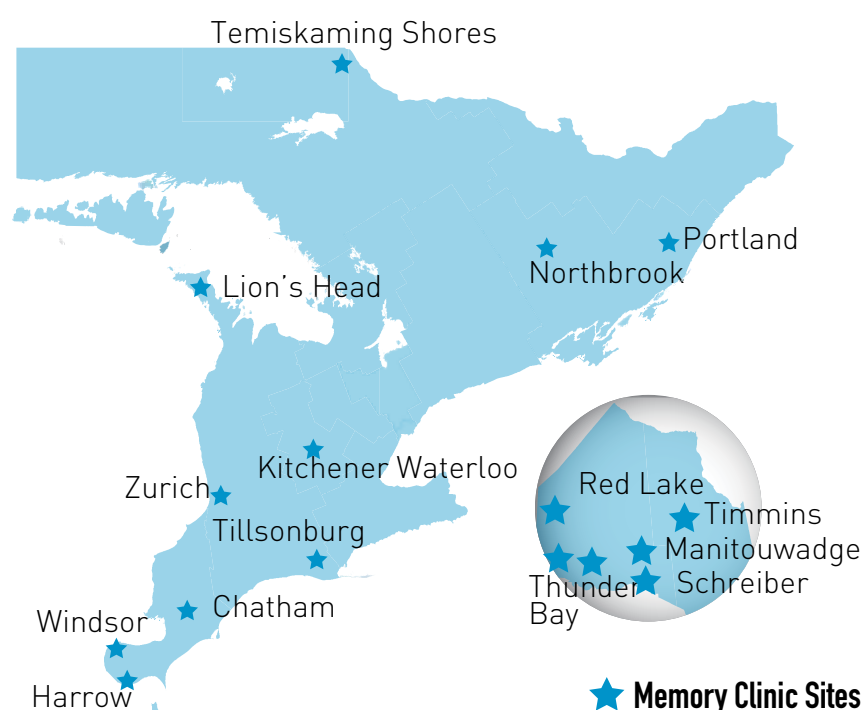


A high burden of suffering



High health care costs

PRIMARY CARE COLLABORATIVE MEMORY CLINICS ACROSS ONTARIO



16 new clinics have been established in rural, remote and underserved 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...



Reduced wait times

1.4 months

reduction in wait times to first appointment.



Care closer to home

83%

of patients were managed in clinic or by their family physician, so they were not required to travel far from home to access specialty care.



Patient and caregiver satisfaction

96%

of patients and caregivers would recommend the clinic to others.



Empowerment

94%

of patients and caregivers agreed that their questions and concerns were answered to their satisfaction.

...AND PHYSICIANS



Physician satisfaction

89%

of physicians would probably or definitely refer patients to the clinic in the future.

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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