

# South East Regional Palliative Care Network

Regional Round Up – January Edition

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## The South East Regional Palliative Care Network launches

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 the South East Regional Palliative Care Network (RPCN) officially took the reins of hospice palliative care delivery across South Eastern Ontario. Our network represents a community of partners that will work together to ensure that there is a coordinated, standardized approach for the delivery of hospice palliative care services. [Find out more.](#)

## Welcome to our new RPCN Steering Committee

The Inaugural Regional Palliative Care Network Steering Committee meeting was held last month in a full day working session. Collectively they are responsible for providing leadership, oversight, and support for the effective and coordinated delivery of palliative care.

The new steering committee consists of 10 members chosen from across the South East LHIN as well as 5 ex-officio members.

- [Steering Committee announcement](#)
- [Meet your new steering committee members](#)

## South East Regional Palliative Care Network Multidisciplinary Clinical Co-Leads announced



We recently announced the hiring of two Regional Palliative Care Multidisciplinary Clinical Co-Leads, Trish Macpherson and Dr. Natalie Kondor for the South East Regional Palliative Care Network (RPCN).



The Clinical Co-Leads will act as the voice of the South East region at provincial tables and facilitate knowledge transfer of Ontario Palliative Care Network initiatives and strategies in the South East Region. Regionally, they will be members of, and support, the South East Regional Palliative Care Network Steering Committee to provide advice on planning, oversight and leadership for network activities. [Read the announcement.](#)

## OPCN launches new website

The Ontario Palliative Care Network has a new website! Make sure that you have this new resource bookmarked in your browser. For more information about hospice palliative care in Ontario, visit [ontariopalliativecarenetwork.ca](http://ontariopalliativecarenetwork.ca).



## Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

Please note that an updated HCC ACP Webinar Series for 2017. The April 14 session for LTC Compliance was inadvertently scheduled on the Holiday weekend and has now been moved to March 10, 2017.

## Health Care Consent and Advance Care Planning Community of Practice (HCC ACP CoP)

The HCC ACP Community of Practice has now opened an Expression of Interest (EOI) for two new HCC ACP Regional Champions for our region and a similar call for Organizational Champions. If you are interested in becoming a champion, please [email Lori VanManen](#) to discuss this opportunity.

### Expression of Interest for Regional Champions

A representative should have some expertise in HCC ACP and a lead role for promoting and/or implementing HCC ACP ideally across their regional geography.

### Expression of Interest for Organizational Champions

For those whose interest extends beyond that of the community of practice general membership, who has some expertise in HCC ACP, and wants to expand into a lead role for promoting and/or implementing HCC ACP within their organization/facility/sector.

## In the news

### [Ontario Training More Volunteers to Support End-of-Life and Palliative Care at Home](#)

Visiting Hospice Volunteer Services to be Enhanced Across the Province - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Ontario is recruiting and training more volunteers across the province to support palliative and end-of-life care at home, providing comfort and help to patients, families and caregivers during difficult times.

### [Families shouldering burden as home care dwindles for dying patients - CBC.ca](#)

Both her **palliative care** physician and her children say Steenbakkers needs more attention. But she happens to be dying at a time when provincial ...

### [Emergency aid workers save lives — but can they make death more comfortable, too? -TVO](#)

**Palliative care** typically happens at home, in hospices, and in hospitals. ... **Palliative care** can be a tough sell to health workers trained primarily to ...

### [Ontario Supporting Palliative Care in Sault Ste. Marie - Government of Ontario News](#)

Ontario is improving access to **palliative care** in Sault Ste. Marie by supporting the expansion of the region's local hospice centre. David Oraziotti, MPP ...

### [Hospice beds coming to Squamish's Hilltop House - Squamish Chief](#)

The provincial government has provided around \$1 million for hospice **palliative care** in Squamish, Powell River and the Sunshine Coast, MLA Jordan ...

### [Hospice beds recommended for Stratford and Clinton - southwesternontario.ca](#)

To inform its decision, the LHIN Board will rely on the advice of the Hospice **Palliative Care** Leadership Committee and LHIN staff.

With no hospice **palliative care** beds in Elgin, estimates suggest six or seven residential beds -  
St. Thomas Times-Journal

Though the region isn't at the top of the LHIN's hospice to-do list, the lack of residential **palliative care** programs has tripped the LHIN's radar and is ...