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.

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2,000 patients are estimated to be treated at META:PHI clinics by early 2018.

META:PHI CLINICS ACROSS ONTARIO

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

META:PHI IS CHANGING ADDICTIONS CARE FOR ONTARIANS

IN & OUT

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

EASY, FAST ACCESS

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

STIGMA

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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

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 Health Quality Ontario and the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario that accelerates the spread of proven health care across Ontario.