

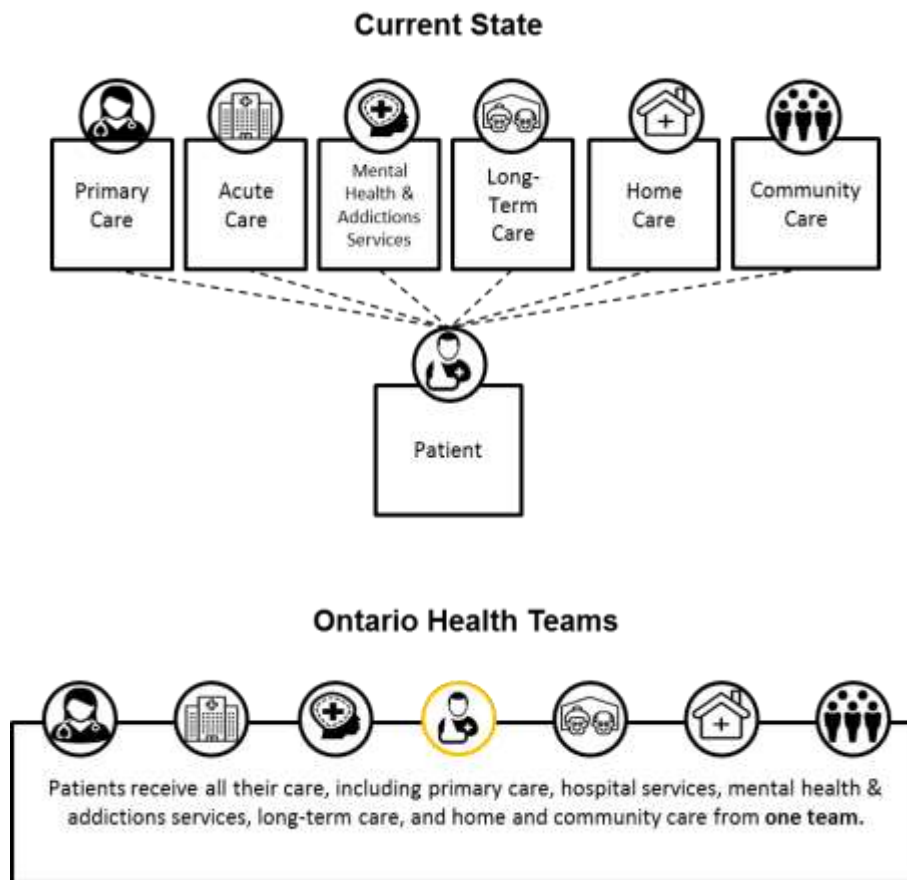
Brantford Brant
Ontario Health Team

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Ontario Health Team (OHT)?

Source: Ministry of Health

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Who can become an Ontario Health Team?

Source: Ministry of Health

Health care providers and organizations eligible to become an Ontario Health Team include, but are not limited to those that provide:

- primary care (including inter-professional primary care and physicians)
- secondary care (e.g., in-patient and ambulatory medical and surgical services (includes specialist services))
- home care
- community support services
- mental health and addictions services
- health promotion and disease prevention services
- rehabilitation and complex care
- palliative care (e.g., hospice)
- residential care and short-term transitional care (e.g., in supportive housing, long-term care homes, retirement homes)
- long-term care home placement
- emergency health services
- laboratory and diagnostic services
- midwifery services, and
- other social and community services and other services, as needed by the population.

When will Ontario Health Teams be announced?

Source: Ministry of Health

The first wave of Ontario Health Team candidates were identified in the fall of 2019. The complete listing and more information regarding the Ontario Health Teams can be found <http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/connectedcare/oht/default.aspx>.

What is the status of the Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team?

Source: Brantford Brant OHT

The Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team is currently in development, this means that Brantford Brant providers and organizations have come together and identified their interest in becoming an Ontario Health Team. Together, they have completed and submitted the readiness assessment and will be submitting the full application to Ontario Health in the spring of 2020.

Who are the identified members of the Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team?

Source: Brantford Brant OHT

The Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team is currently in development. The current members of the Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team include:

- Adult Recreation Therapy Centre
- Alzheimer's Society of Brant Haldimand Norfolk Hamilton Halton
- Brant Community Healthcare System
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Brant Haldimand Norfolk
- Family Counselling Centre Brant
- Grand River Community Health Centre
- John Noble Home
- Participation Support Services
- Persons with lived experience
- Primary care providers
- St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre
- St. Leonard's Community Services
- Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services

Will patients continue to have a choice in their care provider?

Source: Ministry of Health

Yes. When Ontario Health Teams are established, people's choice of providers would continue.

Patients who are supported by providers who would become part of an Ontario Health Team would not need to sign up or undertake any administrative processes. What they would experience is greater access to care and support from a broader network of other physicians and inter-professional providers, working together as a team to improve their care.

How does a patient become connected with an Ontario Health Team? Will a patient be able to sign up with a team and how will this happen?

Source: Ministry of Health

No. Patients will continue to receive care from the providers they are familiar with, whether or not those agencies are part of an Ontario Health Team. The goal of OHTs is to create greater access to coordinated care, rather than additional processes for patients.

What will be different for patients?

Source: Ministry of Health

As Ontario Health Teams roll-out across the province over the next several years, patients will be able to more easily access and navigate the system and be better supported as they transition from one health care provider or setting to another. Ontario Health Teams will have flexibility to redesign how they deliver care to meet the needs of their patients in the most effective way.

Additionally, Ontario Health Teams are required to have a confirmed commitment to put in place 24/7 coordination of care and system navigation services for targeted patients.

What will Ontario Health Teams Candidates do differently for patient care/experience and providers' experience when they start operating?

Source: Ministry of Health

Patients of early Ontario Health Teams will begin to experience better coordinated, integrated health care that is easier to navigate. For providers, Ontario Health Teams foster local collaboration and enables greater communication and coordination. Providers will be supported to work as one coordinated team - focusing on patients and specific local needs, so people can more easily navigate the system and experience easy and coordinated transitions from one health care provider to another. These teams will have flexibility to redesign how they deliver care to meet the needs of their patients in the most effective way.

What are the key digital components of an Ontario Health Team?

Source: Ministry of Health

Ontario Health Teams will have the ability to provide patients with digital choices such as virtual care (via telephone, video, email, etc.) and timely digital access to health records. The goal is for all members of a patient's health care team to share the same information through the same system so patients only have to tell their stories once.