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- Spent residency blocks in Red Lake and Kenora (guess where I live, work and spend time now?)
- Upcoming Regional Clinical Lead, Primary Care, Ontario Health North West

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

Overview

OCTOBER 2022

Emergency Department Peer-to-Peer Program

- Several rural Emergency Departments (EDs) are in **crisis with the threat to close**, due to physician recruitment challenges, particularly in the Ontario Health North Regions
- The ED Peer-to-Peer Program is **an immediate** and straight-forward way of directly supporting ED Physicians, increasing their comfort in staffing rural and remote Ontario EDs,
- The ED Peer-to-Peer program will offer immediate **access to a team of highly qualified emergency physicians** while leveraging the established CritiCall and OTN platform
- Rural/Remote Physicians will directly connect to credentialed ED Physicians to receive immediate, on-demand, real-time coaching, mentoring and support for all patient acuity by credentialed emergency physicians
- ED Peer-to-Peer Program **complements** existing virtual care programs by supporting ED Physicians across the province for any/all types of patients

What does this mean on the ground in ER?

- Active sites will have remote access to an ER physician, familiar with lower resource settings, who is available 24/7 to talk with local ER doc
- It is for presentation of patients of all ages
- Examples of possible scenarios
 - Reviewing the steps to putting in a chest tube or central line or....
 - “Bouncing ideas” about what could be going on with a complex patient
 - Potential for assisting with accessing specialists when you are knee-deep in managing an acute patient
- Access is via Criticall then OTN in ER
- In addition to regional initiatives like RCCR

A Project in Evolution

- Notes will come via efax to the hospital for chart
- This is the ONLY job these docs are doing for their shift. They are not doing it “off the side of their desk”.
- Fostering connection and clinical support (akin to a colleague at the desk beside you in bigger ER’s that have “double coverage
- Digital connectivity will progress with time (images, labs.....)
- First sites included Sioux Lookout. Were chosen based on need and whether necessary tech parameters were already in place (eg ER OTN). Plans for expansion are in the works.



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Please make sure you are viewing the most current version of these pages, especially as guidelines change (ie When what we now know becomes different than what we used to know;)

[uptodate.com](#) Subscription/NOSM faculty, app, online, CME credits available

[Ottawa EM Handbook 2022](#)

[TheNNT.com](#) The number needed to treat is a great evidence based synopsis of some hot topics, from cardiac care to endocrinology. Free, online.

[Covid-19 drug interactions \(UK\)](#) Based in the UK, was a go-to for me in Covid Assessment Centre. Printed the individualized PDF (not identifiable) and sent copies to pharmacy with my prescriptions.

[Life in the Fast Lane](#) Emerg stuff, podcasts, ECG skill reviews

[The Skeptic's Guide to Emergency Medicine](#)  Our own NOSM faculty member, Dr. Ken Milne, puts together this website and podcast as he explores where evidence (or the absence of it) can lead us

[Osteoporosis.ca](#) Free, online, guidelines, calculators

[Diabetes.ca](#) Free, online, guidelines

[COPD guidelines from GOLD](#) Online, app, COPD treatment guidelines

[Anti-infective guidelines](#) The "Orange Book" that is the go-to for so many. This one has a small cost, either app or book.

[Thrombosis Canada](#) Free online and app. Guidelines, calculators.

[Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines](#) Free online. Guidelines for things like CHF, A Fib...



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Our group in Little Current usually attends Alberta's
Practical Evidence for Informed Practice

Oct 21/22

Usually involves pizza and adult beverages and lots of comments by the oh so wise little current group
on the suggestions from our Alberta colleagues

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- Professional space to share information relevant to MD's and NP's providing primary care in Northern Ontario
- It's meant to be a bit “choose your own adventure”. What interests our colleagues?
- To facilitate communication during system evolution. What's new with an OHT? Is there a new centralised referral system for specialist access?
- To be an educational, administrative and clinical tool resource repository

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- Indicating your real name, town/city you practice in and your credentials (MD/NP) can help us all get to know one another better. It may also help users filter information that has the most relevance to them
- The space is intended to have a positive vibe
- No system is perfect. Efforts are being made to try and ensure only Northern primary care NP's and MD's can sign up, but the site should not be considered a private one. Please don't include patient specific info.
- Invite your Northern primary care NP and MD colleagues & friends to sign up.