

Ontario Renal Network

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BACKGROUND THE ONTARIO RENAL NETWORK

The Ontario Renal Network

The Ontario Renal Network (ORN) provides overall leadership and strategic direction to effectively organize and manage the delivery of renal services in Ontario in a consistent and coordinated manner. Our priorities include establishing consistent standards and guidelines for renal care, planning for service delivery, and putting in place information systems to measure performance.

The ORN consists of a provincial office housed at Cancer Care Ontario and 26 Regional Chronic Kidney Disease Programs. By working collaboratively, the ORN works to improve the quality of kidney care across the province.

As the government's chronic kidney disease (CKD) advisor, the ORN drives quality, innovation and value in Ontario's CKD system by:

- Planning CKD services
- Putting the best information, tools and quality standards into the hands of CKD providers
- Using funding to achieve quality and performance improvements
- Reporting on the performance of the CKD system to the public, and medical and administrative leaders
- The ORN directs approximately \$60 million annually in direct patient care, and also funds infrastructure that supports the delivery of high-quality, timely CKD services.

Regional CKD Programs

Ontario's 26 Regional CKD Programs, together with the 14 Local Health Integration Networks support the delivery of well-coordinated CKD services to all Ontarians as close to home as possible.

Fourteen Regional Directors and Regional Medical Leads work in partnership to provide leadership in planning, delivering and monitoring high quality CKD care in Ontario's 14 LHINs.

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THE ONTARIO RENAL PLAN 2012-15

WHAT

- The Ontario Renal Plan 2012-15 is Ontario's first plan for a province-wide effort to better organize and manage the delivery of renal services.
- The Ontario Renal Plan maps out how CCO's ORN will drive quality health outcomes for CKD patients by promoting best practice care as the standard, province-wide.
- By promoting best practice care, CCO's ORN will diminish the burden of chronic kidney disease (CKD) on Ontario patients and families, on public health and on the healthcare system.
- The ORP 2012-15 features seven strategic priorities, and shares a sample of related, tangible key targets and initiatives designed to achieve them.
- The Plan's priorities align with those of Ontario's [*Excellent Care for All Act*](#)
- Plan implementation will be carried out in partnership with patients, families, clinicians and administrators at both the provincial and regional levels.
- [Review the online version of the Ontario Renal Plan 2012-15](#)

WHO

- The Ontario Renal Plan 2012-2015 features stories from CKD patients and care providers from across the province.
- The Ontario Renal Network is a division of Cancer Care Ontario. It was established in 2009 to lead a province-wide effort to diminish the burden of CKD on Ontario patients, families, public health, and the healthcare system by better organizing and managing the delivery of renal services in Ontario.
- ORN's establishment in CCO builds on the value of their experience in performance and quality improvement and driving clinical change management to further benefit Ontario's health care system.
- The ORN is a comprehensive network with balanced provincial and regional leadership, and representation that includes all CKD stakeholders.

HOW

- The Ontario Renal Plan 2012-2015 is informed by comprehensive data about dialysis in Ontario, as collected through the Ontario Renal Reporting System and displayed online in the ORN's interactive [CKD System Atlas](#) – Ontario's first.

- The process of creating the Ontario Renal Plan 2012-2015 involved stakeholders, including:
 - CKD patients and families
 - Leading kidney doctors, nurses, administrators and technicians
 - Members of each of Ontario's 14 LHIN-based Regional Renal Steering Committees
 - Advisors from the Kidney Foundation, the Ontario Association of Nephrologists and the Renal Administrators Leadership Network of Ontario

WHY

- The burden of CKD in Ontario is great and has the potential to become even greater based on the increasing prevalence of risk factors.
- About 10,000 people in Ontario receive life-saving dialysis treatment for CKD that has advanced to end stage renal disease (ESRD).
- Dialysis care in Ontario is estimated to cost \$586 million in 2012/13.
- There are more than 1,100 Ontarians on the waiting list to receive a donated kidney.
- Based on the numbers of people whose CKD goes undetected until ESRD and on the increasing prevalence of CKD risk factors, there is a significant opportunity to improve the rate of early detection of CKD, as well as a significant opportunity to slow its progression to ESRD.
- There is substantial variation in CKD care/practice and in resource levels to support care across the province.
- While about 44 percent of prevalent hemodialysis patients have grafts or fistulas for vascular access, 56 percent are using the less optimal option for vascular access – a catheter.
- About 23 percent of Ontario dialysis patients dialyze at home; 77 percent dialyze in-centre.

WHEN

- The Ontario Renal Plan was produced during 2011 and early 2012.
- Implementation has begun. The ORN will report regularly and transparently on progress.

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