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ClinicalConnect at Niagara Region Public Health's Sexual Health Centre

The team at Niagara Region Public Health's Sexual Health Centre recently shared how ClinicalConnect has impacted the work and the care they provide their clients. Click here to watch.

Welcome to a New ClinicalConnect Participant Organization!

Congratulations to the following healthcare organizations that were approved to become ClinicalConnect Participating Organizations in May 2017:

- Greenwood Retirement Communities [HNHB LHIN]

ClinicalConnect Now Integrated with eHealth Ontario's Acute Clinical Data Repository

Earlier this month, the HITS eHealth Office announced the successful integration of hospital reports from eHealth Ontario's Acute Clinical Data Repository (aCDR) with ClinicalConnect.

Physicians and clinicians authorized to use ClinicalConnect at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) were the first to be able to access reports from hospitals outside south west Ontario from within the clinical viewer as of May 17, 2017. A complete list of facilities that contribute data to the aCDR is available by clicking here.

To gain access to this new data source in ClinicalConnect, which is one of a number of provincial assets that will be made available over the coming year, eHealth Ontario requires all ClinicalConnect Participant Organizations have the necessary agreements, schedules and other mandated requirements in place.

For ClinicalConnect users, the integration with eHealth Ontario's aCDR will provide access to additional acute and community care data from healthcare organizations located outside South West Ontario, thus improving the timeliness of care decisions by reducing duplicate tests and procedures and better supporting care transition points. Starting with clinician-identified priority data, the aCDR offers ClinicalConnect users access to data sets from acute care hospitals outside of South West Ontario (e.g. discharge summaries, consultation reports, emergency department reports, visits and encounters).

Data from this latest integration with this provincial repository complements that already available to ClinicalConnect users via existing integrations with other eHealth Ontario repositories, including the Diagnostic Imaging Common Service (DI-CS), and the Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS).

Thank you to our partners at eHealth Ontario and the Acute Clinical Data Repository team for their assistance and commitment in bringing this integration to fruition.

Access expanded to medication data from DHDR using ClinicalConnect

ClinicalConnect users at a number of Participant organizations were granted access to data from the provincial Digital Health Drug Repository (DHDR) this month.

Users at the following organizations now also have access to the DHDR from within ClinicalConnect. Including these hospitals, a total of 43 hospital sites now have access to this valuable data set.

- Alexandra Hospital
- Hamilton Health Sciences
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance
- Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance
- Niagara Health System
- Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital

The DHDR represents the first foundational component of the province's Comprehensive Drug Profile Strategy (CDPS). The DHDR is designed with capacity to accommodate medication information for "All Drugs, All People" in Ontario and it offers web services for integration (e.g., through clinical viewers, like ClinicalConnect) to connected systems supporting Electronic Health Records (EHR) in the province. The objective is to facilitate incremental access to dispensed drug events and pharmacy service information. These include ministry drug data holdings (e.g., Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) and Narcotics Monitoring System (NMS) data) and over time, the DHDR will expand further to include pharmacy data holdings for drugs paid for directly by patients or by private insurance.

To view Participant Organizations who currently access to DHDR data plus other provincial repositories, please [click here](#).

Update on the New Version of ClinicalConnect

In previous eUpdates, you will have read about the upcoming release of a new version of ClinicalConnect, which includes a new user interface amongst other enhancements. This new version, referred to as Release 5.0, was originally targeted to go live on June 28, 2017. Due to a combination of factors, including the deployment of the new ClinicalConnect Participation Agreement, the application of Assurance Levels in May for all end users, and other integration work also underway, a decision has been made to shift the targeted go-live date of Release 5.0 until later this year. The HITS eHealth Office at HHS will continue to share updates about the new version of ClinicalConnect in these eUpdates.