April 1, 2021

Ontario Health's Primary Care Data Sharing - Proof of Concept (PCDS POC) Project Conclusion

On behalf of Ontario Health, please be advised that the Primary Care Data Share (PCDS) Proof of Concept (PoC) project ended on March 31, 2021. As such, Ontario Health's Primary Care Clinical Data Repository (pcCDR) is no longer available, resulting in the Primary Care Module in ClinicalConnect also having been removed on March 31.

Over the past few years, the project successfully integrated primary care data from four Family Health Teams in South West Ontario into the Primary Care Clinical Data Repository (pcCDR), which was viewable via ClinicalConnect by 11 Participant Organizations. The key objective of the proof of concept was to assess the clinical value of sharing primary care data to inform patient care. The project highlighted the enormous importance and benefit of having access to such data, while also identifying improvements to be made, such as enhancing data quality and standardization, in order to optimize the value and use of primary care data. Providing clinicians with access to primary care data will continue to be integral in the development of Ontario's Electronic Health Record (EHR). Ontario Health, in collaboration with the PCDS stakeholders, will be preparing an addendum to the 2019 PCDS final report, with additional lessons learned to support planning for a scalable, permanent, Primary Care data sharing service/document repository. As such, ClinicalConnect users at the 11 Participant Organizations that had access to this primary care data during the POC project are encouraged to provide their feedback or questions by emailing support@clinicalconnect.ca.

Thank you to the teams at Ontario Health, the eHealth Centre of Excellence, and the four Family Health Teams – and their EMR vendors – that contributed data to the pcCDR, for their work on this project.

For general inquiries about ClinicalConnect, please contact the ClinicalConnect Program Office:
905 577 8270 x1
info@clinicalconnect.ca

ClinicalConnect is a secure, web-based portal that gives authorized healthcare providers real-time access to their patients' electronic medical information. It is operated by Hamilton Health Sciences and is funded by Ontario Health (Digital Services).