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Diagnostic imaging reports from hospitals outside south west Ontario will soon be available in ClinicalConnect; a project to integrate these reports is nearing completion. A subsequent integration project will make corresponding images, and imaging data from independent health facilities, available as well. Please stay tuned for more information on this valuable new data set.

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Enabling a person's digital health information to be viewed in an integrated electronic health record EHR enhances patient care and clinical efficiencies. As part of the connecting South West Ontario (cSWO) Program's long-term plan to integrate additional data sources available through the Regional Clinical Viewer, ClinicalConnect, an early adopter initiative began in mid-September to integrate the Digital Health Drug Repository (DHDR) at three Guelph health care organizations, Guelph Community Health Centre, Guelph Family Health Team and the Guelph General Hospital.

The DHDR represents the first foundational component of the Province's Comprehensive Drug Profile Strategy. Through the DHDR project, a repository of dispensed drug events will be initially developed to expand on what has been provisioned in today's Drug Profile Viewer (DPV).

The objective is to facilitate incremental expanded access to dispensed drug events. These include Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care drug data holdings (e.g. Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) and Narcotics Monitoring System (NMS) data), and over time, pharmacy data holdings for cash and private payer drugs along with other clinically relevant data elements stored in pharmacy systems.

Incorporating the DHDR through ClinicalConnect supports better integration of available drug data and the ability for health care providers to quickly, securely and efficiently access the patient's Best Possible Medication History. In addition, through improved collaboration between health care providers, clinicians will have more time for diagnosing, treating and communicating with their patients.

Visit eHealth Ontario's website for more information, and stay tuned for more updates about access to DHDR data through ClinicalConnect.

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Lab Module Enhancements Being Well-Received

Last month, a number of enhancements to the Lab Module in ClinicalConnect were announced and have been well received by physicians and clinicians. The enhancements included new filters to select lab views and filtering data as needed, improving the speed at which Ontario laboratories information system (OLIS) results are returned for users' queries, and trending labs with same test names from across multiple sources (hospitals and OLIS), with associated reference ranges. These labs can be trended where names and units of measure are the same.

"One of the biggest challenges was the inability to view and compare lab results from multiple sources," says Dr. Tom Janzen, Chief Medical Information Officer, St. Joseph's Health Care, London & London Health Sciences Centre. "With the enhancements, we are now able to see results irrespective of where the samples were drawn and processed. This functionality allows us to see a more comprehensive view of the patient journey across multiple care settings. Trending of these results across these disparate labs allows for a much better appreciation of the current clinical presentation." Dr. Janzen adds that "ClinicalConnect is a platform that allows us to see the broad picture across the spectrum of patient encounters. The recent lab enhancement is a response to physicians' requests for the more complete view of results. It presents a far more accurate snapshot of the real clinical picture; it's a real game-changer. It's great to personally witness how the voice of the provider community has been heard and how the ClinicalConnect team has responded in delivering these very important enhancements. I am confident we will continue to witness changes in the system which will further enhance the provider's view and ability to deliver optimal care". We thank Dr. Janzen and everyone who provided valuable input as these enhancements were developed and implemented in ClinicalConnect.

Welcome to New ClinicalConnect Participating Organizations!

Congratulations to the following healthcare organizations that were approved to become ClinicalConnect Participating Organizations in September 2016:

1. Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex [LHIN 2]
2. County of Oxford Public Health Unit [LHIN 2]
3. Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit [LHIN 2]
4. One Care Home & Community Support Services [LHIN 2]
5. The Amherstburg Family Health Team [LHIN 1]

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