

Patient Education

Ontario Telemedicine Network



“OTN can bring healthcare to virtually any patient, anywhere, any time.”

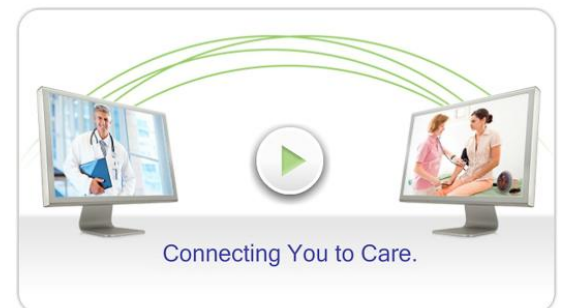
OTN Hours/ Location: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Times may be flexible).
Office located on the 1st floor of WPSHC (across the hall of the elevators and to the left).

Types of referrals and consults:

- Patient to specialist.
- Referrals to allied healthcare specialists (e.g. nurse practitioners, dieticians, speech language pathologists, diabetic team...).
- ER consults for traumas, burns and vascular emergencies.
- Family visits/communication for palliative care patients.

Equipment used to make OTN successful:

- Electronic stethoscope.
- ENT (Ears, Nose, Throat) camera.
- AMD camera (used for close ups of skin for wound care and post-op incision assessments).
- Headphones (for the hard of hearing).
- Document camera.
- Laptop for radiology images.
- Digital camera for dermatology consults.



Benefits of using OTN:

- ✓ Better access to a broad range of specialists and patient education.
- ✓ Timely diagnosis and treatment resulting in improved health outcomes.
- ✓ Reduced travel time, expenses and the ability to give and/or receive care closer to home.
- ✓ Improves access to care.
- ✓ Increases recruitment/ retention of providers.
- ✓ Improves quality and sustainability of care.
- ✓ “...ensure the right patient receives the right care, in the right place, at the right time” – Deb Matthews, Ontario Minister of Health.
- ✓ Reduced wait times.

Contact West Parry Sound Health Centre’s Telemedicine Co-Ordinator,
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