Representatives from the Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario (NPAO), the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO), the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO), and ministry staff from Primary Health Care Branch (PHCB) and Nursing Secretariat (NS), are collaborating on the project formerly known as the Service Encounter Reporting and Tracking (SERT) Initiative. The initiative will be implemented as a pilot project until March 31, 2012. In addition to the change in implementation, the pilot project will now be referred to as the Nurse Practitioner Access Reporting (NPAR) Initiative. The pilot project will enable the ministry to refine the NPAR codes and tools, and to fully explore all the issues and concerns using a smaller number of participants.

In late June, all Family Health Teams (FHTs) were advised of the revised implementation approach for NPAR. FHT groups registered by June 30, 2011 were invited to participate in the pilot phase of the project. A total of 40 FHTs and 94 Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are registered for the NPAR pilot. A list of the 40 FHTs participating in NPAR is attached.

The ministry has established a NPAR Advisory Committee which includes representation from nursing stakeholders. Through the committee, the ministry will report on the NPAR pilot implementation progress and the progress of training for the participating NPs. The committee will review and assess feedback on service encounter tracking codes, recommend changes that may be necessary as the NPAR pilot proceeds, and discuss how these changes may be accommodated.

NPs registered for the NPAR pilot have received their training and all participating FHTs will submit NP service encounter data in October 2011.

The ministry will provide regular updates on the status of the NPAR pilot project and an evaluation report will also be prepared at the end of the pilot.
Family Health Teams Participating in the Nurse Practitioner Access Reporting (NPAR) Pilot Project

Alliston Family Health Team
Aurora-Newmarket Family Health Team
Beamsville Medical Centre FHT
Brighton Family Health Team
Bruyere Academic Family Health Team
Burks Falls Family Health Team
Centre for Family Medicine Family Health Clinic
Cottage Country Family Health Team
Dilico Family Health Team
Dufferin Area Family Health Team
Elliot Lake Family Health Team
Englehart and District Family Health Team
Greenstone Family Health Team
Haileybury Rural and Northern Physician Group Family Health Team
Haldimand Family Health Team
Halton Hills Family Health Team
Harrow Health Centre Inc.
Huron Family Health Team
Kingston Family Health Team
Leamington Area Family Health Team
Maple Family Health Team
Markham Family Health Team
Minto-Mapleton Family Health Team
Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team
North Hastings Family Health Team
North Shore Family Health Team
North Simcoe Family Health Team
Portage Medical Group Family Health Team
Prescott Family Health Team
Prime Care Family Health Team
Prince Edward Family Health Team
Rideau Family Health Team
Six Nations Health Services FHT
Trent Hills Family Health Team
University Health Network (UHN) Toronto Western Family Health Team
Upper Grand Family Health Team
Wawa Family Health Team
West Carleton Family Health Team
Westend Family Care Clinic Family Health Team
Windsor Family Health Team