

ONTARIO CELEBRATES INNOVATION IN HEALTH CARE*McGuinty Government Announces Finalists For Innovations In Health Care Awards***NEWS**April 17, 2008
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TORONTO - A mobile health clinic in Eastern Ontario, a cardiac rehabilitation program in Toronto and a program to bring fresh produce to a Waterloo Region hospital are amongst the 18 finalists for the 2008 Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Awards.

The awards are part of an annual exposition held in recognition of achievement in health care innovation. The Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo, presented by Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, is an annual showcase of original initiatives that are driving innovation in Ontario's health care system and ultimately delivering better patient care.

Award winners will be announced at the Expo on April 22 in Toronto. Award finalists have been determined for each of these six categories:

- Meeting Community Needs Through Integrated Care
- Improving Quality and Patient Safety
- Improving Efficiency Through Process Redesign
- Innovations in Health Information Management
- Innovations in Health Human Resources
- Innovations in Health Promotion

In addition, there will be a People's Choice Award determined by votes from exposition attendees. Over three hundred organizations will be displaying their innovations at the Expo.

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"I am very proud of the achievements of this year's finalists," said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "Innovation is essential for enhancing Ontario's health system and is key to improving access to quality family health care for all."

QUICK FACTS

- The first Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo was held in 2006.
- This year, there were over 400 applications in six categories for the Innovations in Health Care Awards.

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Learn more about the winners and finalists for this year's [Innovations in Health Care Awards](#).