

**ONTARIO CELEBRATES INNOVATION IN HEALTH CARE***McGuinty Government Announces Winners Of Innovations In Health Care Awards*

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**TORONTO** - A program that allows cancer patients to enter their symptoms via the internet, a mobile health clinic in Northwestern Ontario, and a program to bring fresh produce to a Waterloo Region hospital are amongst the winners of the 2008 Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Awards

Winners were selected in six categories from a pool of 18 finalists drawn from more than 400 submissions.

The awards are part of the Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo, an annual showcase of initiatives that are driving advancement in Ontario's health care system. The Expo is presented by Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Award winners in each of the six categories are:

**Meeting Community Needs Through Integrated Care**

- NorWest Community Health Centres – North West Local Health Integration Network  
*The Mobile Unit of the NorWest Community Health Centre*

**Improving Quality and Patient Safety**

- Toronto Rehab – Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network  
*Cardiac Rehabilitation Home Program – An Alternative Model of Care*

**Improving Efficiency Through Process Redesign**

- Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS) – South West Local Health Integration Network  
*Roaming Scopes for Flexible Endoscopy*

**Innovations in Health Information Management**

- Cancer Care Ontario – All Local Health Integration Networks  
*Interactive System Assessment and Collection (ISAAC) for Cancer Patients*

**Innovations in Health Human Resources**

- The Ottawa Hospital – Champlain Local Health Integration Network  
*The Clinical Nurse Expert: A Safety Net for the Future*

**Innovations in Health Promotion**

- St. Mary's General Hospital – Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network  
*A fresh approach to health promotion*

## QUOTES

“I am very proud of this year’s finalists and award winners,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “These awards highlight the creative and innovative thinking that is necessary, even essential, to reducing wait times and improving access to quality family health care in Ontario.”

## QUICK FACTS

- More than three hundred organizations displayed their innovations at this year’s Expo.
- This year, there were over 400 applications in six categories for the Innovations in Health Care Awards.
- The first Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo was held in 2006.

## LEARN MORE

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

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