

PROPOSED FAMILY HEALTH HUB AND NEW ORLÉANS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

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Ontario is awarding a Family Health Team (FHT) to Orléans. The FHT awarded to Orléans is the first of 50 new teams that were announced in the recent provincial budget.

Ontario is also providing funding support for:

- A capital planning grant of up to \$100,000 towards the costs associated with developing the Proposal and Business Case for the proposed family health hub that is intended to accommodate the FHT and other health care programs and services.
- Funding of up to \$300,000 for the Orléans Urgent Care Clinic to support nursing services.

ORLÉANS FAMILY HEALTH HUB

The centre is proposed to offer new and expanded health care programs and services such as:

- Orléans Family Health Team
- Orléans Urgent Care Clinic
- Services currently offered at the Santé Montfort Portobello Clinic
- Day Surgery
- Dialysis
- Mental health services
- Case Management for access to home care and community services

Details on the site and nature of the building will be informed by the proposal and business case to be developed by Hôpital Montfort.

FAMILY HEALTH TEAMS

A Family Health Team offers an approach to family health care that brings together different health care providers to coordinate the highest quality of care for patients. FHTs include an interdisciplinary team of physicians and other providers such as nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers and dietitians all working together to provide more patients with comprehensive health care.

FHTs are a key component of the government's plan to build a health system that keeps Ontarians healthy, reduces wait times and provides better access to family health care. In the recent provincial budget the government announced that it would approve 50 new Family Health Teams over the next three years. Since April, 2005, the McGuinty government has approved 150 FHTs located across the province. FHTs currently provide care to more than 1.78 million Ontarians, including over 186,000 people who did not previously have a family doctor.