

Who is Who in Ontario Family Medicine and Primary Care: Provincial Physician Groups and Regulatory Bodies

Understanding the roles of various organizations in Ontario's primary care system can be daunting. Each plays a significant role in shaping a family physician's career, from training and certification to compensation, advocacy and practice support. This overview highlights the major players most relevant to SGFP's work. It's not exhaustive, but it offers a practical starting point for navigating the system. **This page features provincial physician groups and regulatory bodies.**

Section on General & Family Practice (SGFP)

The Section on General & Family Practice represents more than 15,000 general and family practice physicians of Ontario in negotiations and advocacy. SGFP works collaboratively with primary care partners, patient advocates, and all system stakeholders.

Ontario Medical Association (OMA)

The Ontario Medical Association is the representative of Ontario's physicians. OMA advocates for the well-being of its members and the health of Ontarians. OMA is recognized by the Ministry of Health as the exclusive bargaining agent of physicians.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO)

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario regulates the practice of medicine in Ontario; all physicians are required to be registrants of the College to practise medicine in Ontario. They ensure quality of care, respond to concerns and investigate public complaints from members of the public, and guide professional conduct through policies and guidance.



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Ontario MD (OMD)

OntarioMD is a wholly owned subsidiary of the OMA and receives funding from the Province of Ontario to support family physicians, specialists, nurse practitioners and their staff to adopt and efficiently use digital health technology to care for their patients.

Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP)

The Ontario College of Family Physicians represents more than 15,000 family doctors through providing evidence-based education and professional development, promoting and recognizing leadership excellence in family medicine, and advocating for the family physician role in quality care.

Ontario's Provincial Medical Schools/Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM)

There are six medical schools in Ontario with a combined graduating class of approximately 1,000. The Universities are: McMaster, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Ottawa, Toronto, Queen's, Western.

COFM coordinates and communicates between the faculties of medicine of Ontario Universities, and provides advice to the Council of Universities on matters related to medical education and research.

Who is Who in Ontario Family Medicine and Primary Care: Government & Member Organizations

This page reflects a selection of organizations that intersect meaningfully with SGFP's work—whether through direct collaboration or broader influence on the systems we navigate. Their roles span policy, education, innovation, and system design, and this snapshot is intended to help contextualize their contributions and connections. Note: This list is not exhaustive.

Government & Government Implementation Bodies

Ontario Ministry of Health (MoH)

The Ministry of Health is responsible for administering the health care system and providing services to the Ontario public through such programs as health insurance, drug benefits, assistive devices, care for the mentally ill, long term care, home care services, community and public health, health promotion and disease prevention. It also regulates hospitals, operates psychiatric hospitals and medical laboratories; and coordinates emergency health services.

Ontario Health Teams (OHT)

Ontario Health Teams were introduced by government in 2019 to better connect different parts of the health care system by bringing together, as one team, patients, families, communities, providers and system leaders to deliver more coordinated care for people in a defined geographic area. The members of this team, even if in different organizations or physical locations, will work together toward common goals for improving access to, and delivery of, local health care services.

Resource Partners

Amplify Care

Amplify Care is a clinician-led organization in Ontario that supports primary care teams in adopting digital health solutions. Through co-design, change management, and quality improvement, Amplify Care helps practices streamline workflows, reduce administrative burden, and enhance patient care. Their approach centers on empowering clinicians to lead digital transformation tailored to real-world practice needs.

First Nations Digital Health Ontario (FNDHO)

FNDHO is a First Nations led organization that provides digital health services at no cost to First Nations Health Teams in Ontario. They're mandated by a Chiefs of Ontario resolution and funded by Indigenous Services Canada. They help navigate the challenging digital health world and get the answers you need to improve the digital health experience.

Centre for Effective Practice (CEP)

Centre for Effective Practice develops trusted, evidence-based tools, resources and programs to ensure healthcare providers have the information needed to deliver high-quality care.

Ontario Health (OH)

Ontario Health is a provincial agency that implements Ministry of Health priorities by overseeing health system planning, service delivery, and quality improvement. It manages funding, performance, and regional coordination.

Primary Care Networks (PCN)

Primary Care Networks connect, integrate, and support primary care professionals within OHTs to improve the delivery and coordination of care for patients. They organize the local primary care sector in OHT planning and provide a voice in OHT decision-making and they support OHTs in the implementation of local and provincial priorities.

Information & Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

The Information & Privacy Commissioner of Ontario provides independent oversight of the province's access and privacy laws, including those that govern how institutions collect, use, and disclose personal information. This includes the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA), which sets out rules for how health care providers and organizations handle personal health information.

Primary Care Member Organizations

Primary Care Collaborative (PCC)

The Primary Care Collaborative is a partnership of six provincial associations representing primary care, including AFHTO, NPLCA, OCFP, SGFP, IPHCC, AHC.

Alliance for Healthier Communities (AHC)

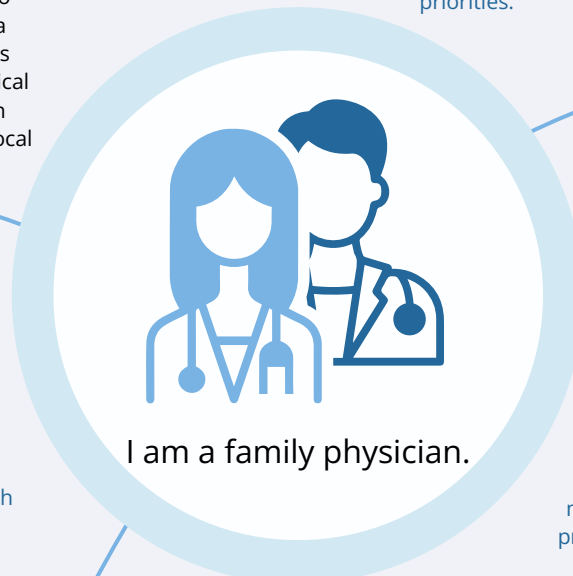
The Alliance for Healthier Communities is the voice of a network of community-governed primary health care organizations. Alliance members serve diverse communities across the province, and are rooted in the communities they serve. They share a commitment to advancing health equity through the delivery of comprehensive primary health care.

Nurse Practitioner Led-Clinics Association (NPLCA)

The Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO) provides opportunities for mutual support and empowerment among professionals within Ontario-based nurse practitioner-led clinics to assist them in fulfilling their operational and strategic goals, while concurrently advocating for the expansion and provincial support for nurse practitioner-led inter-professional primary care teams and improvements in client care efficiency and outcomes.

Ontario Primary Care Council (OPCC)

The Ontario Primary Care Collaborative provides a collective voice for family physician and nurse practitioner leaders with the purpose of ensuring, in accordance with Ontario Health's vision for OHTs, that primary care is the foundation for OHTs.



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Indigenous Primary Health Care Council (IPHCC)

The Indigenous Primary Health Care Council supports the advancement and evolution of Indigenous primary health care service provision and planning throughout Ontario.

Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO)

The Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario works to support the implementation and growth of primary care teams by promoting best practices, sharing lessons learned, and advocating on behalf of all primary care teams. Evidence and experience shows that team-based comprehensive primary care is delivering better health and better value to patients.