

CENTRAL EAST LHIN NAMES NEW PRIMARY CARE LEAD Dr. Paul Caulford to contribute expertise to system solutions

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has appointed Dr. Paul Caulford as its Primary Care Lead to work with the LHIN, its primary care providers and Health Links— to develop an integrated system of primary care that will better meet the health care needs of local residents.

Dr. Caulford has practiced family medicine in Scarborough for more than 35 years and operates a general community-based family practice. Well known for his long-standing interest in equitable access to health care for vulnerable populations, he is a founding member of the Community Volunteer Clinic (CVC) for the medically uninsured. His experience also includes serving as the former Chief of Family Medicine at The Scarborough Hospital (TSH), Program Director of the University of Toronto Family Medicine Residency Program at TSH, and as the founder of the first Family Health Team in Scarborough.

As the Central East Primary Care Lead, Dr. Caulford will reach out to his colleagues to ensure that primary care continues to actively inform the design and implementation of system solutions to health care challenges. These challenges include improving access to services, chronic disease prevention and management, and reducing avoidable emergency department visits for frail seniors and people with mental health and addiction issues through community-based alternatives.

Dr. Caulford will also represent the Central East LHIN at the provincial Physician-LHIN Tripartite Committee, a forum where the Ontario Medical Association, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and representatives of the LHINs meet regularly to discuss, review, and respond to matters of mutual interest for the benefit of the health care system.

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“I am very excited about this opportunity to serve as the Primary Care Lead for the Central East LHIN. Through my experiences, I have learned that this is an organization that cares about the people it serves. I look forward to working with the LHIN team and my primary care colleagues as we continue to make a positive impact on patients and the systems of care that are being implemented across the entire Central East LHIN.”

- Dr. Paul Caulford, Primary Care Lead, Central East LHIN

“Dr. Caulford is a humanitarian who has demonstrated time and again his compassion and dedication to his patients. His daily front line experiences in his practice, leadership with the volunteer clinic and professional background indicate the kind of leadership traits that the Central East LHIN looks for in a Primary Care Lead as we continue to deliver on our mission of creating an integrated and sustainable system that ensures better health, better care and better value.”

- Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- According to the 2006 Census, a third of the population in the Central East LHIN were immigrants, with 5.6% being recent immigrants having arrived in Canada between 2001 and 2006.
- The Community Volunteer Clinic (CVC) is a volunteer and humanitarian driven inter-professional team of medical, dental and community volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure equitable barrier free access to care, specifically for permanent residents not covered by Ontario Health Insurance Plan, including refugees and persons who are homeless.
- In addition to being the Founding Medical Director of the CVC, Dr. Caulford is also the Founding Medical Director of [The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Healthcare](#).

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The Central East LHIN, like all LHINs, has established an advisory group to ensure ongoing engagement with primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and other primary care health care professionals. For more information on the Central East LHIN Primary Health Care Advisory Group, please click [HERE](#).

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