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New Palliative Care Lead named for Central East

Dr. Edward Osborne appointed to new joint role

Durham - The Central East Local Integration Health Network (Central East LHIN) and the Central East Regional Cancer Program (CERCP) have appointed Dr. Edward Osborne as the new Regional Palliative Care Physician Lead for the Central East Region.

Dr. Osborne is a family physician in Bowmanville. He has been the section chief for Palliative Care at Lakeridge Health since 2013 and co-chair of the Palliative at Home and Hospital Care team (PACT) since 1999. He has served on the Central East LHIN's Primary Health Care Advisory Group and has held several key physician leadership roles at Lakeridge Health where he was Chief of Staff in Bowmanville from 2006 to 2009.

Dr. Osborne's new role is a partnership between the Central East LHIN and the CERCP. As Regional Palliative Care Physician Lead, he will provide leadership across Central East championing both provincial and local strategies for palliative care.

He will also provide support to the newly developing Palliative Care Community Teams within Central East, including engagement and support of physicians who provide community palliative care. Dr. Osborne will also actively participate in the Central East Hospice Palliative Care Network to help facilitate regional planning, palliative program development, performance measurement and quality process improvement.

Quotes

"I'm very excited by this opportunity. I can't wait to get started, working with our regional primary care leads, community hospitals, hospices, and other regional partners to improve palliative care for patients and families in our region who are faced with cancer and other life-limiting illness."

- Dr. Edward Osborne, Regional Palliative Care Lead

"Palliative and End-of-Life Care has been an area of focus for the Central East LHIN for the past two years as we know ensuring timely access to quality palliative and end-of-life care is not only an ethical imperative but a vital component of our health care system. We look forward to the regional leadership that Dr. Osborne will be providing based on his expertise and years of front line experiences with patients and their families."

- Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East Local Health Integration Network

“Dr. Osborne is a physician with years of dedicated service and clinical expertise who is passionate about the patient and family experience. He is a strong advocate for honoring patient choice and is committed to supporting other providers in our region. Dr. Osborne understands the needs of our diverse and multicultural region and we feel fortunate to have him on our team.”

- Tom McHugh, Regional Vice-President of the Central East Regional Cancer Program.

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