Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

About the Ministry

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is working to establish a patient-focused, results-driven, integrated and sustainable publicly funded health system. Its plan for building a sustainable public health care system in Ontario is based on helping people stay healthy, delivering good care when people need it, and protecting the health system for future generations.

The ministry has changed its focus and has embraced a new direction. As staff continue to work towards better health care for Ontarians, stewardship has become the ministry's mission and mandate. This new stewardship role will mean that the ministry will provide overall direction and leadership for the system, focusing on planning, and on guiding resources to bring value to the health system. The ministry will be less involved when it comes to the actual delivery of health care and more involved in :

- Establishing overall strategic direction and provincial priorities for the health system;
- Developing legislation, regulations, standards, policies, and directives to support those strategic directions;
- Monitoring and reporting on the performance of the health system and the health of Ontarians;
- Planning for and establishing funding models and levels of funding for the health care system;
- Ensuring that ministry and system strategic directions and expectations are fulfilled.

For information about the organizational structure of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, please see the Ministry Organization Chart [PDF]

