

Rural, Remote and Northern Community Health Centres of Ontario

Community Health Centres (CHCs) deliver primary care services alongside health promotion, chronic disease prevention and management, and community development programs as part of their model of comprehensive primary health care.

29 of Alliance CHC members are located in and serve rural, remote, and northern (RRN) communities.



WHO WORKS AT RRN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES?

On average, patients/clients in RRN communities have an expected need for primary care that is **60% greater** than the average person in Ontario.

ALLIED HEALTH AND CLINICAL SUPPORT STAFF

14

Dental

25

Counsellors, Psychiatrists, Psychologists

175

Clinical Support Staff

59

Dietitians

25

Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Chiropractors, Chiropractors

7

Lab Technicians

7

Midwives

7

Pharmacists

CLINICAL

129

Family Physicians

177

Nurse Practitioners

222

Registered Nurses, and Registered Practical Nurses

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

121

Admins

SOCIAL SERVICES

34

Health Promoters

80

Community Health and Outreach Workers, System Navigators, Settlement Workers

63

Social Workers

24

Data Management Coordinator/Analysts

People living in Ontario's RRN communities experience poorer health outcomes and more complex health issues than those living in urban communities. People living in RRN communities can face unique barriers (e.g., geographic and transportation barriers) to accessing primary care. Team-based care helps provide support for complex and medical care needs.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Our members provide preventative and supportive care for a broad range of clinical, social, and material needs. Some members also offer these programs and services in French.

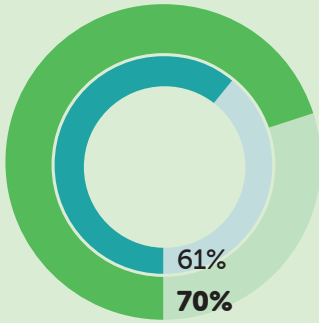
Chronic disease management

Programs for addictions, heart health, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, HIV/Hep B and C, mental health, chronic pain, sexual health, foot care

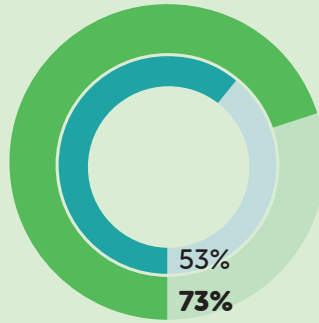
Preventative care

Cancer screening completion rates in 2024

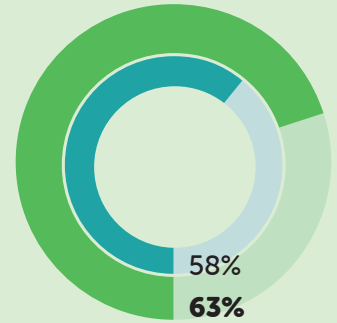
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Screening for colorectal cancer



Screening for cervical cancer



Mammography screening

Social Prescribing

Many RRN centres offer social prescribing to connect clients to non-clinical programs or services that address the social determinants of health and support their overall health and wellbeing.

Social prescribing may be done by link workers, health promoters, Community development workers, and other staff within the interprofessional team.



ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance for Healthier Communities (the Alliance) represents a diverse network of over 110 community-governed primary health care organizations, including Community Health Centres, Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics, Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Teams, Indigenous Primary Health Care Organizations, Community-governed Family Health Teams, and more.

Data for this infographic was obtained from 2024 Practice Profile and CHC Sector Survey results (organizational survey of CHC Alliance members)



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