

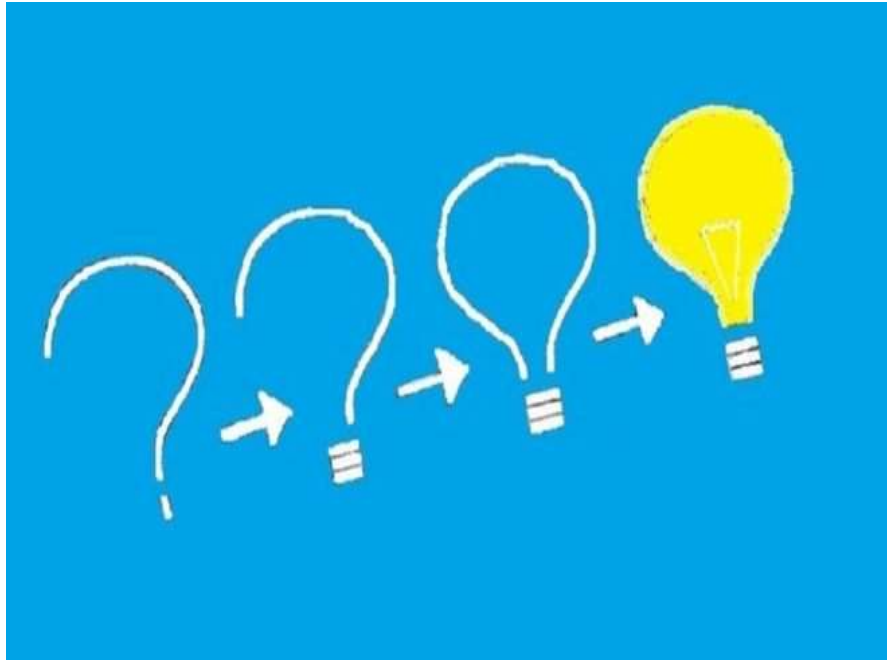
Centering Health Equity & Community in Integrated Health System Design



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End State of Ontario Health Teams



How do we prioritize health equity and reorient integrated care within the community to ensure we achieve stated goals of population health approach?

Integrated Care Delivery Systems

Across the world, governments face similar challenges Ontario faces:

- Many independent & poorly aligned organizations (public & private) across care sectors
 - Underdevelopment of primary care & over-reliance on hospitals
 - Poorly defined populations & lack of accountabilities
 - Unclear care pathways between organizations, with many care gaps & duplications
 - Inadequate mechanisms to transfer information & coordinate care
- Focus on health system is not the answer – many more mature integrated care systems are pivoting to address this → **centre in the community and focus on health promotion, prevention, and determinants of health**

OHT: Integrated Healthy Communities



Asking the right questions is the first step to taking action for meaningful change.

- Integrated care initiatives across the globe are not achieving the goals intended
- Some of these jurisdictions have begun to shift towards integrated, community-based care.
- These jurisdictions are seeing success in achieving their intended goals.
- Ontario's decision makers and participants in OHTs have an opportunity now to influence the design of OHTs to incorporate community centered approaches.

Focus on Health Systems not Sufficient



Embed health equity principles



Involve community



Health promotion, prevention & SDOH



Start with community partnerships

Health equity and improved health outcomes & cost savings



Ontario Health Teams: Integrating Health Equity & Community Toolkit

This toolkit contains:

NOTE: This toolkit is located in the Alliance Member Portal.

- **Ontario Health Teams: Integrating Health Equity & Community report.** Evidence, rationale and suggested actions for equity-oriented, community approach to care integration in OHTs. Includes *Toolkit for Actions*.
- **Ontario Health Teams: Integrating Health Equity & Community slide deck.** Support for conversations with OHT partners about integrating care beyond the health system.
- **TeamCare Concept Paper (PDF):** An overview of the TeamCare prototype, emerging business case, and continuing journey.

REMINDER

[Indigenous Health Systems Transformation – Foundations for IPHCC's OHT Provincial Framework](#)