

Advancing Community Integrated Palliative Care

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The Context in Ontario: Patients First



What is the Toronto Central LHIN?

WE PLAN, FUND, COORDINATE AND DELIVER SERVICES TO CITIZENS ACROSS THE CITY, INCLUDING:

services delivered by a large number of providers, including:

17
HOSPITALS

59
COMMUNITY SUPPORT
SERVICE AGENCIES

36
LONG-TERM
CARE HOMES

22
SERVICES PROVIDERS
ORGANIZATIONS (SPOS)

17
COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTRES

75
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTIONS AGENCIES

WE PARTNER

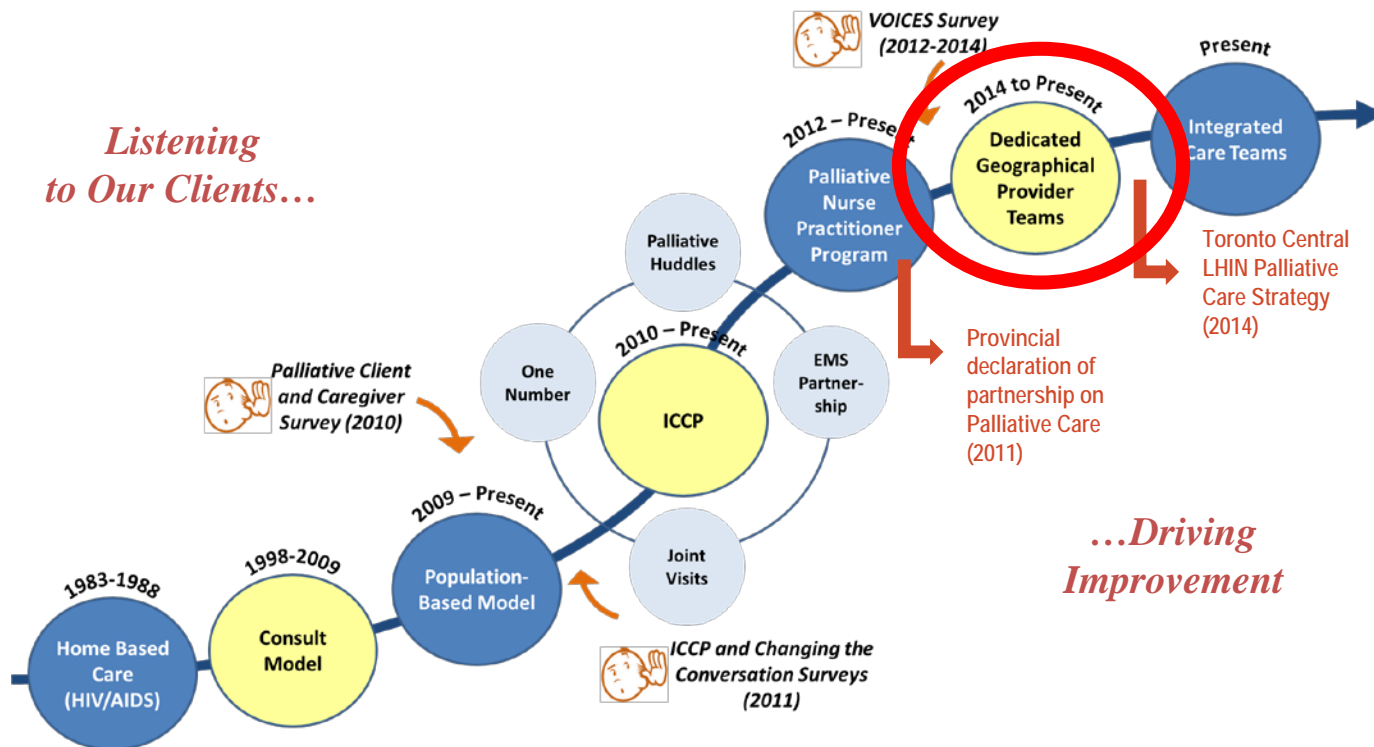
with many organizations that may not be considered part of the health care system, but nonetheless have a significant impact on a person's health and well-being.

TOGETHER WE:

- Support you and your family in your community to be as healthy as possible
- Improve your experience in the health care system; and,
- Ensure that we are using our health care dollars wisely so our system is strong for many generations to come



Evolution of the Palliative Care Program

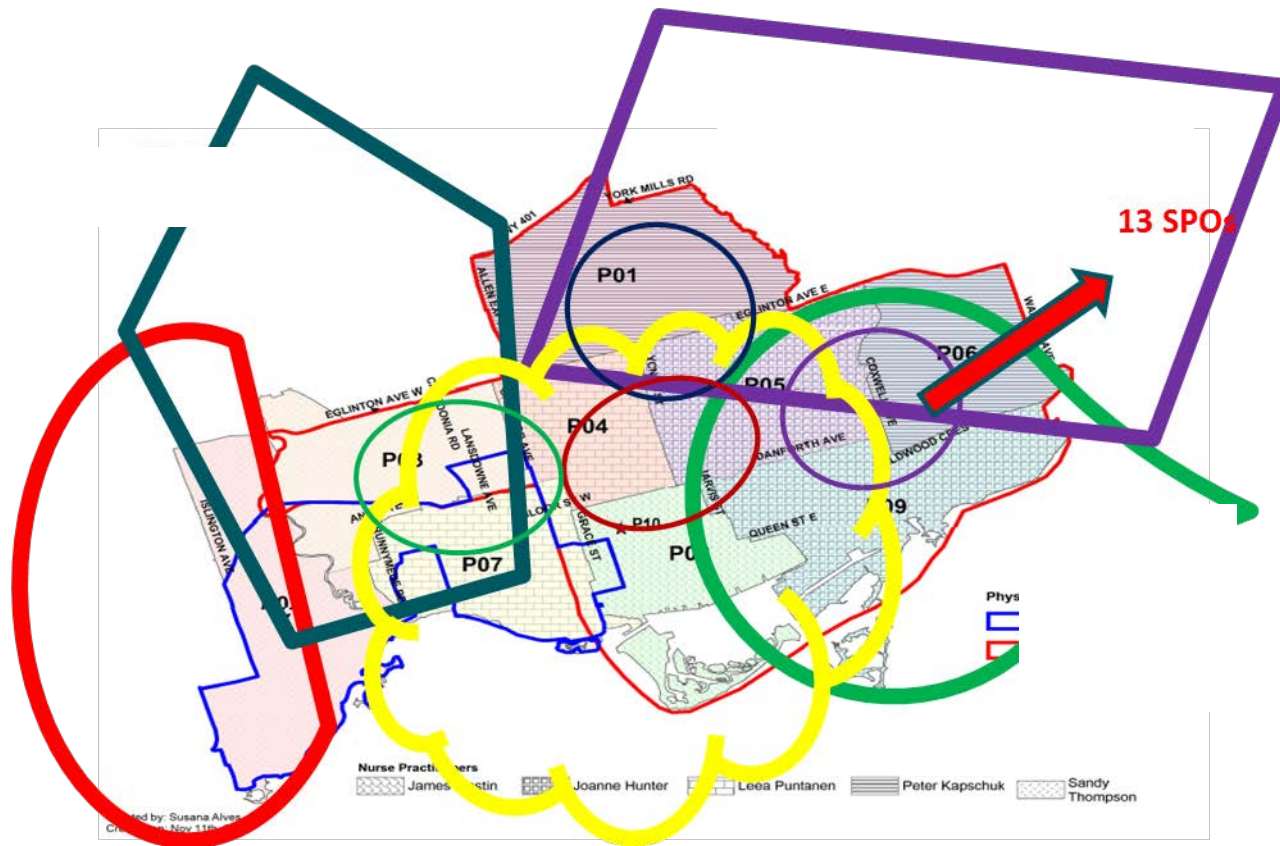


Variability in client experience

- Two different nursing agencies
 - Two different nurses
- Two other PSW agencies
- Variability in provider palliative care specialization and experience
- Varying levels of 24/7 coverage



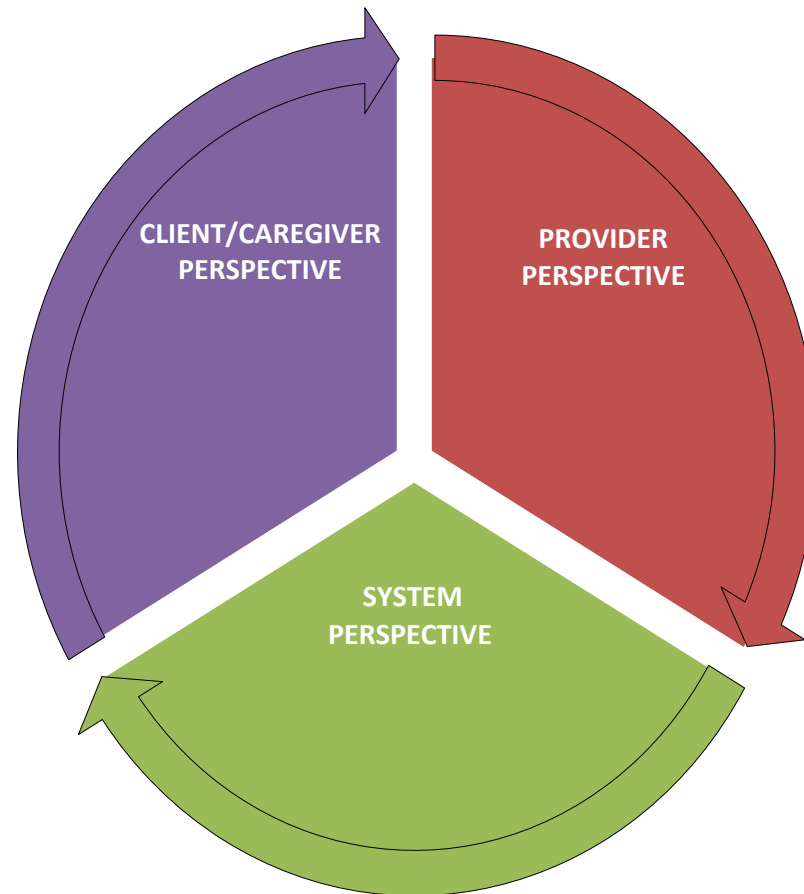
Where we started



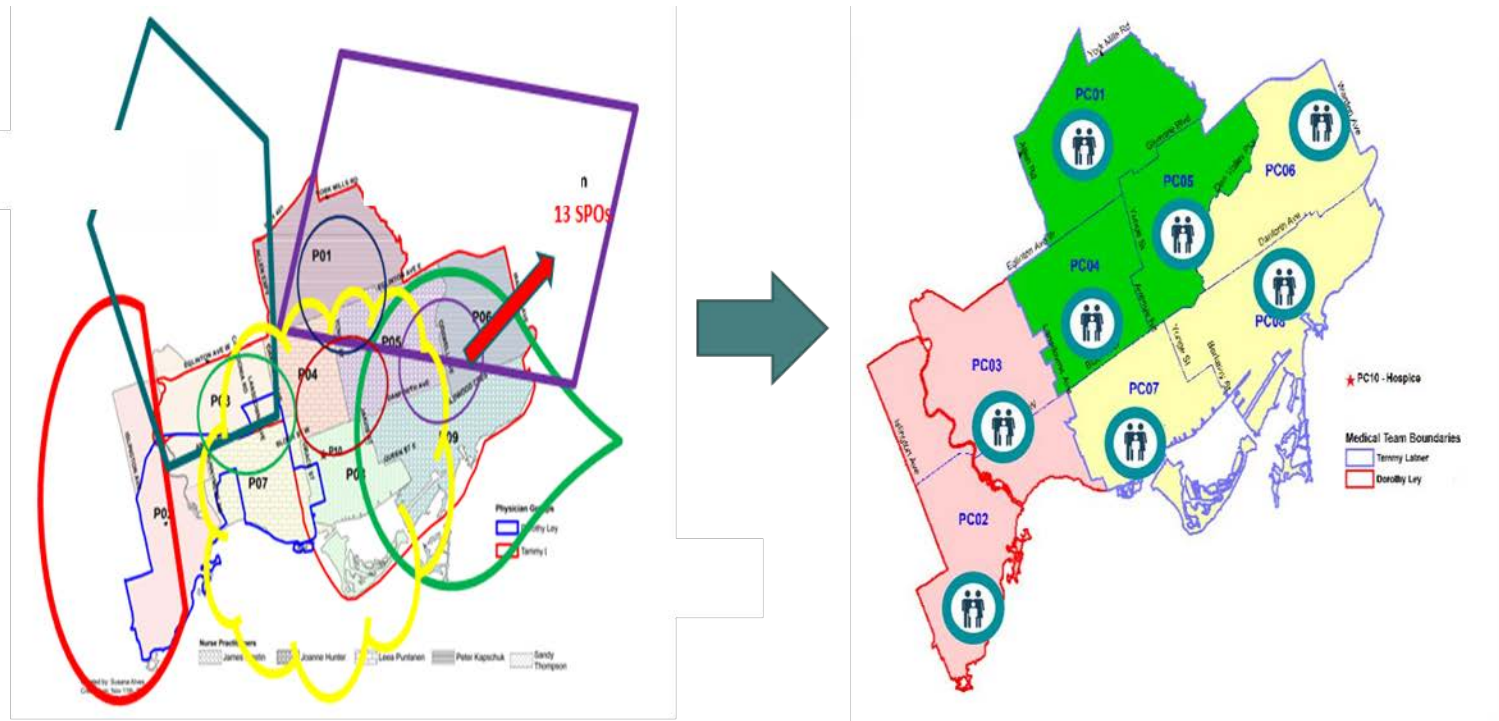
What Did We Envision?

One Client, One Team

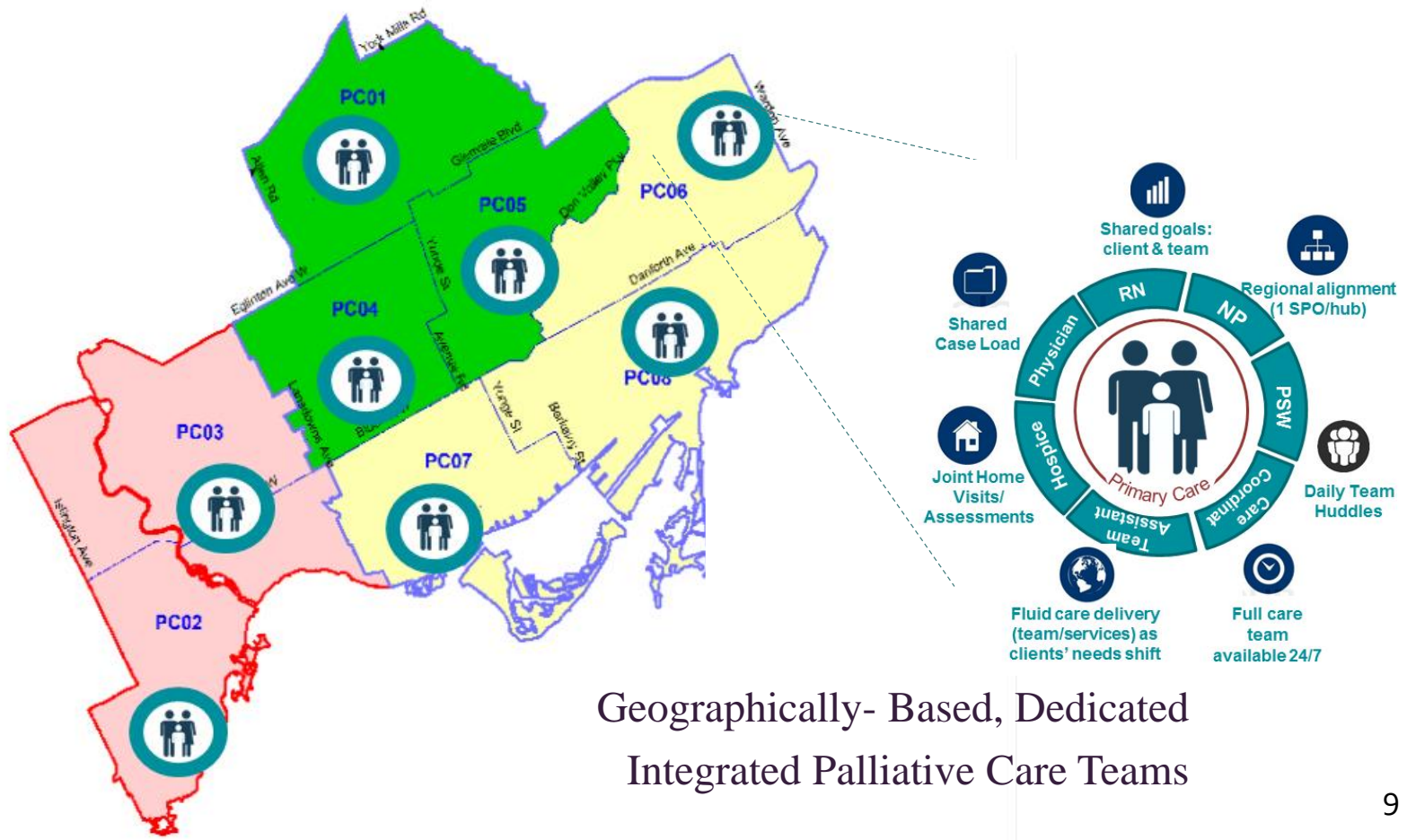
- An integrated,
- inter-professional,
- specialized
- palliative care team that works together to meet the needs of clients and their families
- in a community setting.



Scaling Integrated Care Teams



One Client, One Team – Current State



One Client – One Team Experience



Client & Caregiver Advisory Panel:

Enabling client and family driven care.



Palliative Team Daily Huddle:

Led by the Care Coordinator and attended by the integrated care team to discuss change in status of clients, urgent needs and adjustments in plan of care.



Caregiver Support

Support programs and support structures for caregivers and families



One EMR:

Enables communication and clinical documentation amongst all members of the care team and clinical



Shared Caseload and Joint Home Visits / Assessments :

Joint visits to introduce the team based care approach, conduct coordinated assessment and care plan and reduce duplication for client/caregiver



Partnership with EMS:

Working with EMS to support clients to remain at home and communicate with the integrated team on status and transition plans



Full Care Team Available 24/7:

Access to care team 24/7

Clients who benefit the most from the program



Clients typically have the following characteristics:

- Expected life span of 12 months or less
- Identified as benefitting from, and amenable to, a palliative approach to care
- Evidence supporting advanced disease (e.g. presence of medical conditions associated with advanced disease, severe and progressive symptoms, rapid decline, or decreased functional status)*
- May have had frequent ED visits involving unmanaged pain and symptoms

*see definition of Advanced Chronic Disease in the Declaration.

Quality Improvement - Palliative Team Huddle

WHO ATTENDS:

- *Care Coordinator*
- *Nurse Practitioner*
- *Service Provider*
- *Nurses*
- *Palliative Care Physician*
- *Personal Support Worker*



WHAT'S DISCUSSED:

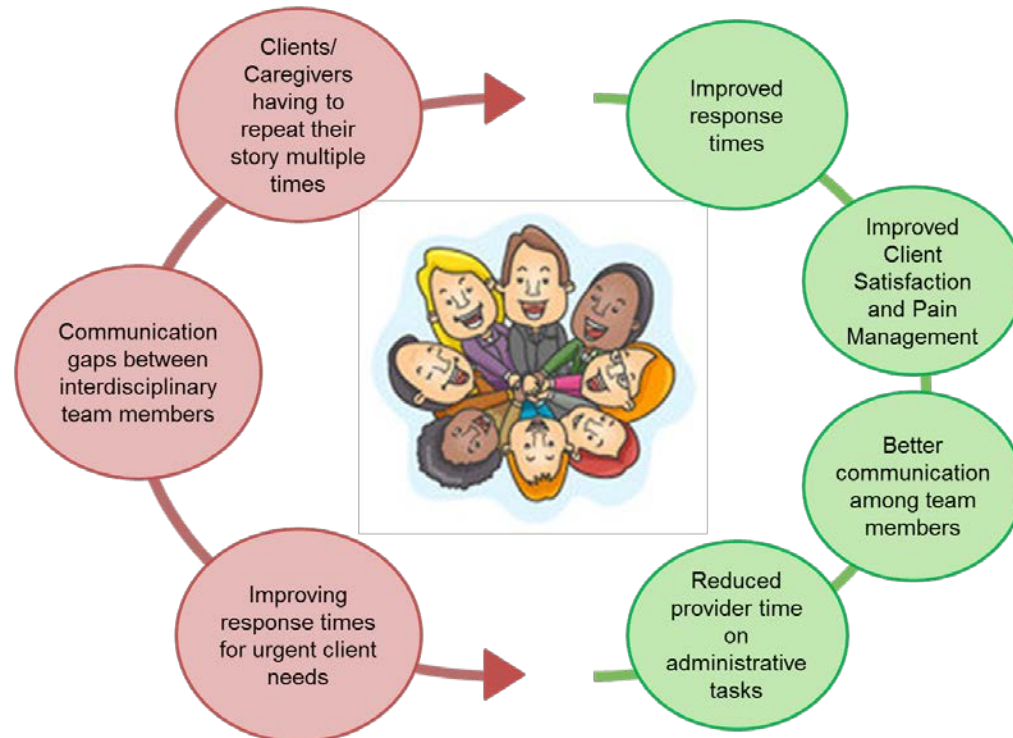
- *Client Status*
- *Client Goals*
- *Identification of urgent needs*
- *Adjustments in plan of care*



HOW OFTEN:

- *Daily for 10 minutes*

Identifying quality issues ... resulting in quality improvement



Shared Electronic Medical Record

Updated medical history and notes

On call updates

Facilitates submission of PCU applications

Faster ordering of labs and medication for NPs

Reduced duplications in documentation

Better communication amongst team (shared HV letter)

Timely updates in change of status (HH, PCU admission, etc.)

= RELEASED TIME TO CARE FOR CLIENTS

How do we know we are making a difference?

98%

Positive experience
rating by clients and
caregivers

*“Having just lost my beloved wife, after a very, very long battle with cancer my angels were in the form of **Zaid, Dr Marnie, Nash** and, in the background coordinating everything, **Leslie**. No words could ever express the deep gratitude I feel to these wonderful people and the caring meaningful way they helped me survive this very difficult time. They were more than caregivers, they became family, and that made all the difference..”*

82%

Percent of our
clients who die
outside of an
acute care
hospital

64%

Percent of our clients who
died at home

18%

Percent of our clients who
died in residential hospice

10%

More clients
receiving
palliative care
at home



*Ontario Minister's Medal
for Quality and Safety for
the highest achievement in
quality for our integrated
palliative care program
2014*



Improved frontline
clinician experience

What's Next In Our Improvement Journey?

Enhancements to the “One Client – One Team Experience”



Enhanced Caregiver Support

Enhance support programs and structures for caregivers and families based on our Client Advisory Panel recommendations



Expand use of one EMR to other care team partners:

Enables communication and clinical documentation amongst all members of the care team and clinical



Single Access Point with One Number:

One number for clients and families to use to reach their care team



Remote Monitoring :

Virtual monitoring of client conditions and client/family care needs – enabling greater access to care

The Future of Integration Across Sectors

A lens into the future of palliative home care for chronic and complex clients:

- Creating a continuum of care that addresses complexity
 - Opportunity to develop a model that reaches upstream (24 months)
 - Looking at needs rather than life expectancy
- Meeting the rising tide of those in need of palliative care
 - Primary care integration
 - Shared care models
 - Improve seamless transitions between acute care and community
 - Partnerships with LTCH: explore palliative care team support for clients in LTCH

Our Partners

Delivery integrated care for palliative clients is only possible because of our partnerships

Community-Based Palliative Physicians

Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care

Dorothy Ley Physician Group

Specialized Palliative Care Coordination and Nurse Practitioner Program

Toronto Central LHIN

Specialized Nursing and Personal Support

Spectrum Health Care

SRT Medstaff

St. Elizabeth Health Care

Visiting Hospice Partners

Hospice Toronto

Hazel Burns

Philip Aziz

Dorothy Ley

Better Living

Visiting Hospice: Affiliated Jewish Family & Child Service

Circle of Care

Casey House



