



CENTRAL WEST OHT AND WELLFORT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES WIN PRESTIGIOUS 2024 QUALITY AND INNOVATION AWARD

Collaborative Effort of Central West OHT, WellFort CHS and Rexdale CHC Improves Health Equity and Access

The teams behind the collaborative Cervical Screening Model have been honoured with the prestigious Quality and Innovation Award from the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario (CQCO). This recognition celebrates our commitment to advancing health equity and improving cervical cancer screening rates in under-served communities.

The initiative, developed and implemented an integrated delivery model with Rexdale CHC has achieved remarkable success in addressing barriers to screening, including structural access, cultural and religious considerations, and socioeconomic challenges.

Key Achievements:

- A 12% increase in screening rates in target communities.
- A 24% improvement in the most under-screened neighborhood in the province.
- A 3% overall population health improvement across the Central West OHT.

"This achievement highlights the incredible impact of collaboration and shared commitment to improving health equity across our communities," said Rishika Thakur Malhi, Executive Lead of the Central West OHT. "By working hand-in-hand with WellFort Community Health Services and Rexdale CHC, we've developed an innovative model that not only breaks down barriers to cervical cancer screening but also builds trust and ensures culturally responsive care. Together, we're creating a healthier future for all."

Through a shared vision and data-driven strategies, this initiative has transformed access to preventive healthcare, building trust and fostering culturally responsive care within communities.

"This award is a testament to the power of transformation, working in an integrated way and putting communities at the heart of care delivery," said Kimberley Floyd, CEO. "Together with our partners, we've created a sustainable model that prioritizes equity, access, and the health of the communities we serve."

To learn more about this initiative and how it's making a difference, visit us on social media or contact Terry Knight at terry.knight@wellfort.ca.