

Telelink

Enhancing access to quality care for patients with terminal illness in Eastern Ontario

Telelink brings telemedicine technology to palliative care in the Champlain region. It was implemented in the summer of 2013.

Telelink connects 12 palliative care sites at hospices and hospitals to the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN). Membership in the network enables knowledge-sharing with a large community of health organizations across the province.

Special high-definition video-conferencing equipment connects health professionals and patients and improves team-based approaches to care.

Nurses, doctors, caregivers, volunteers and others involved in palliative care can discuss complex cases, conduct clinical consultations, and participate in up-to-date training without the need to travel. It is especially helpful for those living outside Ottawa.

The Benefits

- Improved care and quality of life for more than **6,000** palliative patients and families a year.
- Access to a wider range of specialist advice and services.
- Eliminates burden of travel for frail individuals and overloaded families.
- Faster, more efficient healthcare.
- Continuing professional development for healthcare workers.
- Education opportunities for volunteers.
- Membership in an established network of 1,600 healthcare sites – one of the largest in the world.



Telelink at Hospice Renfrew

The Partners

Telelink was made possible through the great generosity and foresight of donors and partners, who include individuals, corporations and charitable organizations.

The OutCare Foundation worked closely with the Champlain Hospice Palliative Care Program and OTN to identify the need and the solution. It undertook the fundraising effort for this \$380,000 project.

OutCare Foundation

The OutCare Foundation is the only charity devoted to raising funds for palliative care across Eastern Ontario. It supports patients and their families by raising money for projects, such as *Telelink*, that benefit palliative care organizations in Eastern Ontario.

With expert advice from the Champlain Hospice Palliative Care Program, OutCare selects high-priority projects with a regional impact so that regardless of which organization families turn to, they receive the skilled and compassionate help they need and deserve.

The Sites

- Beth Donovan Hospice
- Bruyère Continuing Care Palliative Care Program
- Carefor Cornwall Hospice
- Champlain Hospice Palliative Care Program
- Hawkesbury & District General Hospital Palliative Care Unit
- Hospice Care Ottawa (May Court Hospice & Central West Hospice)
- Hospice Renfrew
- Montfort Hospital Palliative Care Consult Service
- Queensway-Carleton Hospital Palliative Care Consult Service
- The Ottawa Hospital Palliative Care Team (Civic Campus & General Campus)

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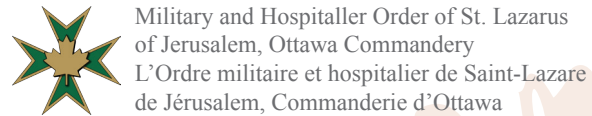
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