

IMPROVING CARE WITH NURSE PRACTITIONER-LED CLINICS*McGuinty Government Moving Forward to Increase Access to Quality Care***NEWS**October 29, 2008
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The Ontario government is issuing a call for three new nurse practitioner-led clinics. The clinics will be located in Sault Ste. Marie, the Erie-St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) catchment area and the North West LHIN catchment area.

Nurse practitioner-led clinics are a changing and innovative approach to serving patients. This local team-based model consists of nurse practitioners working collaboratively with other health care professionals, like family doctors, to provide quality care that is closer to home.

Those individuals or groups interested in setting up a nurse practitioner-led clinic must submit an application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by 5 p.m. on **December 08, 2008**.

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“Nurse practitioners play a vital role in our health care system,” said David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “By increasing the number of Nurse Practitioner-led clinics we are helping to improve access to care for local-area residents across the province.”

“Expanding nurse practitioner-led clinics is an important step toward securing access to primary health care in communities that need it.” says Wendy Fucile, President of RAO.

QUICK FACTS

- Nurse practitioners are able to treat common illnesses and injuries; write certain prescriptions; and order certain lab tests, X-rays and other diagnostic tests.
- Nurse practitioner-led clinics will focus on chronic disease management, health promotion and disease prevention along with other community-based health care organizations, such as public health units.
- Ontario’s first nurse practitioner-led clinic opened in Sudbury in 2007.

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Individuals or groups interested in setting up a nurse practitioner-led clinic can get the application package and information from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care’s website: [Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics](#).