



Minister's Medal Honouring Excellence in Health Quality and Safety

Team-Based Initiative

Paediatric Asthma Clinic

The Paediatric Asthma Clinic (PAC) at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre of Barrie (RVH) has been in operation for over 15 years. Strategic reorganization at the RVH over the last 15 years has seen the PAC transform from an unstructured clinic into a cohesive one, with a stabilized interprofessional team, annual reporting, and ongoing monitoring of outcomes. This reorganization process was designed to maximize efficiency, improve collaboration with health system partners, and continuously demonstrate return-on-investment to justify ongoing utilization of scarce health care resources.

Adopting the universal philosophy that elective outpatient management of chronic disease is best for the patient and the health care system, the objective of the clinic is to provide evidence-based care that reduces unscheduled health care utilization, specifically hospital admissions and ED visits, for all children with established or evolving asthma. The clinic has demonstrated ongoing value for quality of care and has been able to grow sustainable service during periods of fiscal restraint. As a result, the burden of uncontrolled acute paediatric asthma at the RVH is among the lowest in Ontario.

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