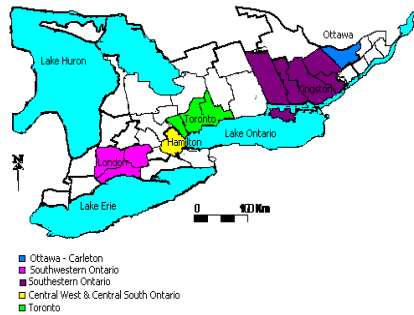


Seniors in Ontario use two-thirds of all hospital days, one third of all Emergency Department visits, and represent 43% of provincial health

In Canada, the population 75 years of age and older will increase by over 100% from 672,230 in 2001 to 1,400,000 in 2028.

Appropriate geriatric care results in major reductions in the use of hospital and long term care services and better health outcomes for frail seniors.



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What We Do

Regional Geriatric Programs (RGPs) provide a comprehensive network of specialized geriatric services which assess and treat functional, medical, and psychosocial aspects of illness and disability in older adults who have complex needs. Working in collaboration with primary care practitioners, community health professionals, and others, we seek to optimize the health of Ontario's seniors.

The Goal

Reduce the burden of disability associated with ageing, by detecting and treating reversible conditions and recommending optimal management of chronic conditions.

The Need

Frail elderly with complex health problems have unique needs and present specific challenges for accurate diagnosis and assessment.



Areas of Focus

Quality Service Provision

The RGPs of Ontario are dedicated to the provision of high quality services. Expert care providers link with researchers and evaluators to identify and promote evidence-based care. Information is shared with community partners to ensure that timely services are provided to the right people at the right time

Health System Integration

Through linkages with key regional networks (Alzheimer Society, the CCAC, and Dementia Networks), RGPs promote collaboration and system integration. RGPs also assist seniors with health system navigation.

Primary Care Reform

Family Health Teams are fundamental to health care delivery in Ontario. RGPs are dedicated to a shared care model and are committed to effective linkages with primary and secondary care.

Information Management

RGPs promote the utilization of information management systems such as the electronic patient record and Video Care that promote timely sharing of needed information amongst care providers.

Education and Capacity Building

RGPs help to build the province's human resources for seniors care. Several education projects are in place building capacity through health professional and community education. RGPs are dedicated to promoting and sharing evidenced-based, high quality, effective care of the elderly.

The Benefits

- independence, functional ability and quality of life for seniors and their caregivers
- Prevention of frailty and its complications
- Improved clinical efficiencies in acute care

Enhanced capacity of health care providers to assess and treat frail seniors

