



ALL NATIONS HEALTH PARTNERS

ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

PARTNER TABLE MEETING SUMMARY – APRIL 2026

At this month's Partner Table meeting:

Eye Injection Clinic Update (LWDH)

Previous ophthalmology injection services have been discontinued due to funding limitations, requiring patients to travel to Winnipeg. A new collaborative business case has been submitted to Ontario Health, highlighting both improved access and reduced Northern Health Travel Grant costs. The proposal is currently under review, with interest expressed at the Ministry level, and strong support was expressed by organization leads for reinstating this local service.

Specialist Alternative Payment Plan (APP)

A regional Specialist APP, supporting services out of LWDH and the Grassy Narrows Mercury Care Home, is in final revision prior to submission to the Ministry of Health. The model proposes allocating approximately 12 FTE specialists (including neurology, dermatology, rheumatology, ENT, gynecology, and other potential specialties), to support both hospital care and outreach to First Nations communities where appropriate.

Physician Recruitment Update

ANHP Recruiter Owen Doerksen provided an update on recruitment efforts in the past year. Six GPs and one ED physician were recruited in 2025, with two more GPs tentatively anticipated in 2026 so far, as well as several consistent locums added. Recruitment in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics is ongoing, spanning national and international channels, with continued engagement of NOSM learners. Key challenges identified are housing availability and employment opportunities for spouses.

Pediatrics APP Program

The Pediatrics APP has been successfully implemented with reduced wait times, cleared developmental assessment backlogs in First Nations communities and improved inpatient pediatric and obstetrical support. A third pediatrician is being recruited (anticipated October 2026), with plans for expanded services.

Rural Generalist Care (RGC) Model One-Year Milestone

April 1 marks one year since implementation of the RGC model, which has seen:

- 25+ physicians providing primary care
- 16 physicians supporting Emergency Department coverage
- Practice Ready Ontario integration underway
- New "Inboxologist" model reducing administrative burden

Ongoing focus includes workforce stabilization, recruitment alignment, and evaluation. A ceremonial event is planned for May 8.

LWDH Board of Directors Recruitment

LWDH is recruiting for 3-4 Board of Director vacancies. Partners were encouraged to share recruitment materials broadly, particularly given alignment with the new hospital project.

Next Partner Table Meeting: May 6th, 2026 (All Nations Hospital Project Workshop)