

**Local Health Integration Network appoints  
Scarborough North Sub-region Primary Care Physician Lead**  
*Dr. Deva Nicholas to work with local partners to deliver coordinated care*

**NEWS**

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Deva Nicholas as the Primary Care Physician Lead for the Scarborough North Sub-region. Since its inception, the Central East LHIN has recognized the valuable role that physicians play in the development and implementation of activities that will lead to an integrated and sustainable health care system.

[Dr. Nicholas](#) is a South African trained Family Physician who has been navigating and practicing medicine in the Canadian health system for the past 22 years. After beginning her career supporting underserved communities in Saskatchewan, Dr. Nicholas relocated to Toronto in 2000 and worked as a General Practitioner before transitioning to Family Physician Hospitalist medicine at Ajax-Pickering Hospital (now Lakeridge Health – Ajax-Pickering Hospital). Currently, Dr. Nicholas works part-time with the TAIBU Community Health Centre and part-time with the recently formed Scarborough Palliative Care Community Team, providing palliative home care in the community.

Dr. Nicholas is one of seven Primary Care Physician Leads in the Central East LHIN. Local sub-region Primary Care Physician Leads are collaborating with their physician colleagues, other health service providers and patients and caregivers in each of the LHIN's seven sub-regions to foster joint accountability for innovative, integrated system redesign; address health and service gaps; advance quality; and improve patient experience and outcomes in their local communities.

**QUOTES**

“Through the transformative leadership of primary care physicians such as Dr. Nicholas and her fellow Primary Care Physician Leads, we are continuing to see how integrated teams of health care providers, in partnership with patients and their caregivers, are working together to provide timely and coordinated care so that people are able to live healthier at home.”

- Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

## QUICK FACTS

- The Central East LHIN is divided into seven Sub-regions, smaller geographic planning areas where care patterns can be observed through a smaller, more local lens in order to better identify and respond to community needs and ensure that patients across the entire LHIN have access to the care they need, when and where they need it.
- The appointment of Primary Care Physician Leads in each sub-region supports the implementation of the [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#) and the ongoing design and implementation of integrated systems of care as described in the [LHIN's 2016-2019 Integrated Health Service Plan](#).

## LEARN MORE

For more information about the Central East LHIN Sub-Region Planning Tables, visit the Central East LHIN website at [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) and click on [Sub-regions](#), located under Priorities.

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