



## **GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance Becomes Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance**

*Like the Communities it Represents the Alliance is also Growing*

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**Toronto (ON):** The GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance has long been an advocate for hospitals in the high growth regions surrounding Toronto. Continuing these efforts and given the needs of hospitals in other high growth communities in Ontario, the Alliance is expanding.

In addition to hospitals in the high growth regions of Durham, Halton, Peel, York, and Dufferin County, Alliance membership now includes hospitals in the fast growing regions of Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge, West Ottawa, Fergus and Wellington North. To reflect this new reality, the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance will be changing its name to *Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance*.

The six new Alliance members are:

- Cambridge Memorial Hospital
- Groves Memorial Community Hospital
- Guelph General Hospital
- North Wellington Health Care
- Queensway Carleton Hospital
- St. Mary's General Hospital

"We are very pleased to have more hospitals join us in working to solve the long standing problems of timely local access to hospital care and hospital under funding in high growth communities," said Ann Stapleford McGuire, Chair of the Alliance. "Having more hospital voices not only helps strengthen our message but also our resolve as we advocate on behalf of over 5 million Ontarians living in high growth communities."

"Over the past number of years the Alliance has worked hard to bring better care close to home for residents in high growth communities like Cambridge. We believe that they have presented a solid, evidence-based case to the Province," said Julia Dumanian, President and CEO of Cambridge Memorial Hospital. "By joining the Alliance we will now be part of the larger effort to ensure that high growth communities receive adequate growth funding to meet our patient care needs."

Working in collaboration with GTA/905 and Dufferin County mayors, chairs, MPPs, and United Ways, the Alliance has helped bring to the forefront the need for improved funding and increased local access to hospital and health care services as well as other human services in high growth regions. It is hoped that these efforts can now be expanded to many more high growth communities.

"Not only has the Alliance been successful at bringing forward the issues of operating funding gaps and its impact on local access to hospital and health care services in high growth communities, it has also offered practical and fair solutions to address the issues," said Rod Vanier, Chair of the Board of Queensway Carleton Hospital. "By joining the Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance we want to strengthen its voice on behalf of our patients, communities and staff."

The Alliance is presently working with the Province to begin to fix the hospital funding gaps in high growth regions and is encouraging the Ministry of Health to distribute new provincial hospital and health care funding on a population-needs-based funding formula to ensure an equitable distribution of provincial funding across Ontario.

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## **ALLIANCE REBRANDING BACKGROUNDER**

The Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance is the collective voice of acute care and mental health hospitals across High Growth Communities in Ontario. Alliance hospitals provide care to Ontarians living in the fastest growing communities in Ontario where 40 percent of Ontarians reside and that account for more than half of Ontario's annual population growth. The Alliance was established in 1996 to represent hospitals in the rapidly growing regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York.

### **Alliance Mission**

***To collaborate, educate and advocate for equitable hospital funding and care in Ontario's high growth communities so our patients get timely access to appropriate hospital care close to home.***

### **Alliance Vision**

Equitable population-needs-based funding for hospital care in Ontario's high growth communities.

### **Alliance Goals**

1. Adequate and on-going growth funding for High Growth Hospitals
2. The Provincial Government allocates hospital and health care funding to LHINs using a Population-Needs-Based Funding formula
3. The Government of Ontario develops a hospital and health care growth plan for Ontario to complement *Places to Grow*.

### **Alliance Members**

1. Cambridge Memorial Hospital
2. Credit Valley Hospital
3. Groves Memorial Community Hospital
4. Guelph General Hospital
5. Halton Healthcare Services
6. Headwaters Health Care Centre
7. Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital
8. Lakeridge Health Network
9. Markham Stouffville Hospital
10. North Wellington Health Care
11. Queensway Carleton Hospital
12. Rouge Valley Health Centre
13. St. Mary's General Hospital
14. Southlake Regional Health Centre
15. Trillium Health Centre
16. Whitby Mental Health Centre
17. York Central Hospital

### Projected population growth of High Growth LHINs

LHIN		Year <b>2008</b>	Year <b>2011</b>	Year <b>2016</b>
Central LHIN	Population	1,667,972	1,769,382	1,933,915
	% Change from 2008		6.1%	15.9%
Central East LHIN	Population	1,514,233	1,572,920	1,674,733
	% Change from 2008		3.9%	10.6%
Central West LHIN	Population	817,764	875,782	969,463
	% Change from 2008		7.1%	18.6%
Mississauga-Halton LHIN	Population	1,136,323	1,208,290	1,324,950
	% Change from 2008		6.3%	16.6%
North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN	Population	447,041	474,107	519,595
	% Change from 2008		6.1%	16.2%
Waterloo Wellington LHIN	Population	724,135	752,620	800,643
	% Change from 2008		3.9%	10.6%
<b>HIGH GROWTH LHINs</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>7,505,738</b>	<b>7,888,062</b>	<b>8,525,713</b>
	<b>% Change from 2008</b>		<b>5.1%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>ONTARIO</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>12,942,075</b>	<b>13,426,178</b>	<b>14,248,041</b>
	<b>% Change from 2008</b>		<b>3.7%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Finance, 2007

### Per Resident Hospital Funding by LHIN

	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Central	\$655	\$738	\$701	\$717	\$717	\$733	\$731	\$727
Central East	\$594	\$658	\$635	\$641	\$653	\$666	\$734	\$734
Central West	\$563	\$643	\$589	\$587	\$551	\$563	\$608	\$603
Mississauga-Halton	\$589	\$643	\$634	\$666	\$684	\$693	\$697	\$692
North Simcoe Muskoka	\$603	\$659	\$642	\$688	\$694	\$691	\$701	\$695
Waterloo Wellington	\$600	\$681	\$642	\$658	\$670	\$683	\$713	\$714
<b>HIGH GROWTH</b>	<b>\$605</b>	<b>\$675</b>	<b>\$647</b>	<b>\$663</b>	<b>\$669</b>	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$708</b>	<b>\$705</b>
<b>Ontario*</b>	<b>\$798</b>	<b>\$863</b>	<b>\$883</b>	<b>\$918</b>	<b>\$925</b>	<b>\$948</b>	<b>\$975</b>	<b>\$979</b>

\* Ontario per resident funding is calculated excluding Toronto, Northern and High Growth LHINs. The population used in calculating the funding is age adjusted and uses a localization index to account for residents receiving their hospital services outside of their LHIN

### Hospital Annual Operating Funding Gap by LHIN

	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Central	\$153M	\$139M	\$208M	\$237M	\$252M	\$269M	\$313M	\$332M
Central East	\$271M	\$279M	\$343M	\$391M	\$393M	\$417M	\$363M	\$377M
Central West	\$111M	\$109M	\$150M	\$174M	\$202M	\$215M	\$211M	\$222M
Mississauga-Halton	\$175M	\$192M	\$226M	\$236M	\$233M	\$255M	\$286M	\$305M
North Simcoe Muskoka	\$78M	\$84M	\$102M	\$100M	\$104M	\$119M	\$131M	\$140M
Waterloo Wellington	\$127M	\$120M	\$162M	\$179M	\$179M	\$191M	\$192M	\$199M
<b>HIGH GROWTH</b>	<b>\$915M</b>	<b>\$922M</b>	<b>\$1191M</b>	<b>\$1316M</b>	<b>\$1363</b>	<b>\$1465M</b>	<b>\$1497M</b>	<b>\$1575M</b>