

News Release

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Share your Thoughts on Vision Care in Erie St. Clair

CHATHAM, ON – The Erie St. Clair (ESC) LHIN is developing a strategy to improve the delivery of vision care in our region and is looking for your input. If you have experience with cataract surgery, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and other eye diseases, the ESC LHIN would like to hear from you. Your insights will help the ESC LHIN Vision Care Team to understand what is working well in vision care, and what can be improved.

Patient Advisor

There are two ways to get involved and give your feedback. The ESC LHIN Vision Care Team is looking for up to three volunteer patient advisors to join the Vision Care Steering Committee and provide a patient perspective on eye care planning. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to apply. Those interested can apply on our website at www.erieclairhin.on.ca, or call Alie Teetzel at 1-866-231-5446 x3215.

Survey

You can also give your feedback by participating in the ESC LHIN's Vision Care Survey which is available on the ESC LHIN website. This anonymous five minute survey asks questions about your experience with wait times, access to vision care, and ways to improve care. Paper surveys are available at several locations across the LHIN including:

- Community Health Centres
- Anjema Eye Institute
- Dr. McMahon's Office
- Residence on the Thames Retirement Home
- Oaks Inn Retirement Home
- Dr. D'Hondt's Office (Chatham and Dresden)
- Dr. Ibrahim's Office
- Petrolia Optometry
- Landmark Village Retirement Home
- Dr. Emara's Office
- Dr. Curran's Office
- Chorney Vision Centre
- Oak Park Terrance Retirement Home

This engagement opportunity is one part of the ESC LHIN commitment to working with patients and caregivers when developing plans to improve local health care. In addition to receiving input from the public, the ESC LHIN is also working with patients, physicians, and ophthalmologists to develop a comprehensive, system-wide approach to vision care.

Quote

“Vision care is crucial to the wellness of the Erie St Clair population, and we are excited to invite patients and their families to assist in co-designing the vision care of our future. We look forward to hearing your experiences and incorporating your feedback into the Erie St. Clair LHIN Vision Care Strategy.”

- Ralph Ganter, ESC LHIN Acting CEO

QUICK FACTS

- In 2013 the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) released A Vision for Ontario: Strategic Recommendations for Ophthalmology in Ontario.
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/>
- Paper surveys may become available at more locations, visit www.eriestclairhin.on.ca for further information.

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- For more information on the Erie St. Clair LHIN, please visit: www.eriestclairhin.on.ca

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