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Erie St. Clair LHIN Invests in Local Orthopaedic Surgeries

WINDSOR/ESSEX – In an effort to improve the coordination of orthopaedic surgery across the region, the Erie St. Clair (ESC) LHIN has provided \$309,000 in one-time funding to make 117 additional orthopaedic surgeries available. The additional surgical capacity will allow those patients with the most severe conditions to receive care sooner and help restore their quality of life.

The funding comes as a result of recommendations by the ESC LHIN's Regional Orthopaedic Steering Committee to purchase implant hardware. This investment, in collaboration with hospital partners, will allow for additional patients to receive joint replacements and revisions, with a focus on shoulders, ankles, hips, and knees. Following the surgeries, the CCAC has committed to providing follow-up care in the community.

The ESC LHIN's Regional Orthopaedic Surgery Steering Committee is comprised of the Chiefs of Orthopaedic Surgery, primary care physicians, community representation, and other health care professionals. The committee's goals include strategically improving orthopaedic services across our region and improving system coordination.

QUOTES

"I'm pleased that more patients will receive orthopaedic surgeries across the Erie St. Clair region. This announcement demonstrates how the LHIN is helping more patients through better system coordination."

- Hon. Teresa Piruzza, MPP Windsor West

"I would like to thank the physicians, health care partners and those of the community for their participation on the Erie St. Clair LHIN Regional Orthopaedic Steering Committee. Improving the mobility of residents is critical to their health and well-being."

- Dr. Martin Girash, Board Chair, ESC LHIN

"We appreciate the positive impact this collaborative committee is already having and we are committed to supporting the committee's work going forward. This is good news for the residents of Erie St. Clair and is an example of providing better care and a better health care experience."

- Gary Switzer, CEO, ESC LHIN

"The CCAC plays a critical role in the delivery of the full spectrum of orthopaedic treatment received by patients in our region. Post-surgical therapy and other care services provided in the home contribute to a quicker, safer recovery, leading to greater independence and improved long term health outcomes. The CCAC will continue to commit to quality care delivery in order to support our common patients along their care journey."

- Betty Kuchta, CEO, Erie St. Clair Community Care Access Centre

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“The LHIN Regional Orthopaedic Steering Committee provides opportunity to standardize care and develop efficiencies. This will allow for more orthopaedic work to be done at a lesser cost to the health care system. The additional funding for joint repairs in particular, for shoulder and ankle arthritis, will help significantly to deal with the waitlist for these procedures.”

- Dr. George Koppert, Head of Orthopaedics, Windsor Regional Hospital – MET Campus

“Coming together as the orthopaedic providers across the LHIN region provides the strength of a now, collective voice to communicate and work with the ESC LHIN and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on the specific orthopaedic needs that face our residents. In addition, this forum allows us to collectively explore alternative and creative ways to look for further efficiencies in how we do our work. This will then redirect cost saving to our key strategies that will have the greatest and most positive outcomes for our patients.”

- Dr. Thair Habib Yousif, Head of Orthopaedics, Windsor Regional Hospital – Ouellette Campus

“Windsor Regional Hospital is very pleased to receive the additional funding to support the supply cost in order to perform additional orthopedic procedures. Windsor Regional thanks the committee members for their collaborative approach in developing a plan to utilize the funding that will clearly benefit our community and reduce the wait time overall for orthopedic procedures across the Erie St Clair LHIN”.

- David Musyj, CEO, Windsor Regional Hospital

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QUICK FACTS

Hospital	Shoulders	Knees	Hips	Ankle	Total Implants	Total Implant Cost
Bluewater Health	10	0	0	0	10	\$48,130
Replacement	4					
Reverse	6					
Chatham-Kent Health Alliance	3	35	4	0	42	\$76,396
Windsor Regional Hospital	12	35	15	3	65	\$184,126.56
Replacement	8	35	15	3	61	
Reverse	4	0	0	0	4	
Total Implants	25	70	19	3	117	\$308,652.56

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