

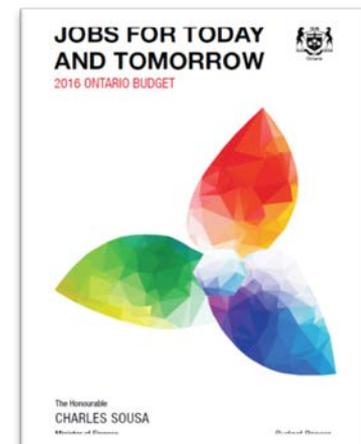
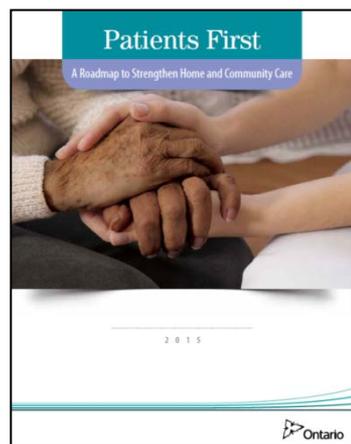
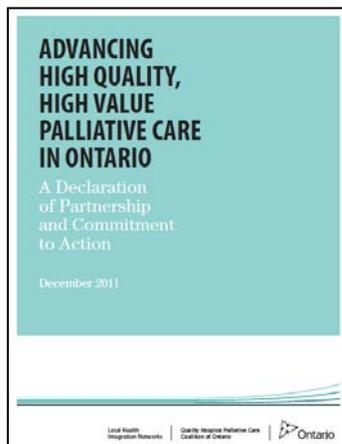
Palliative and End-of-Life Care

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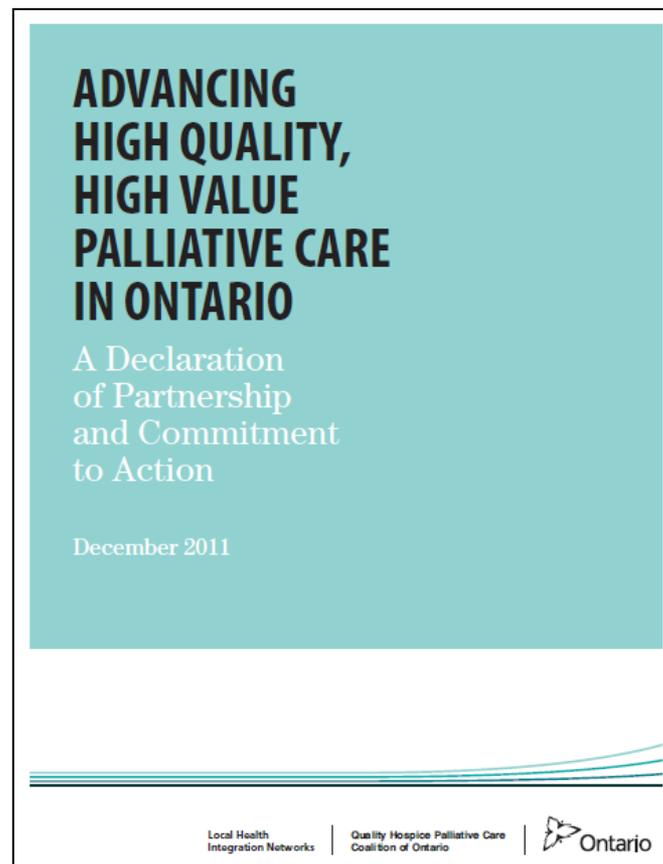
Context

- The government of Ontario aims to provide high quality care at every stage of life and in every setting. This includes strengthening and improving access to palliative and end-of-life care.
- Key commitments for palliative care:
 - 2011 Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action
 - Patients First: Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care
 - Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report
 - 2016 Ontario Budget
- Strengthening access to quality palliative and end-of-life care is a priority as the government works to provide patients with care that respects their wishes and dignity, and moves forward with Physician-Assisted Dying.



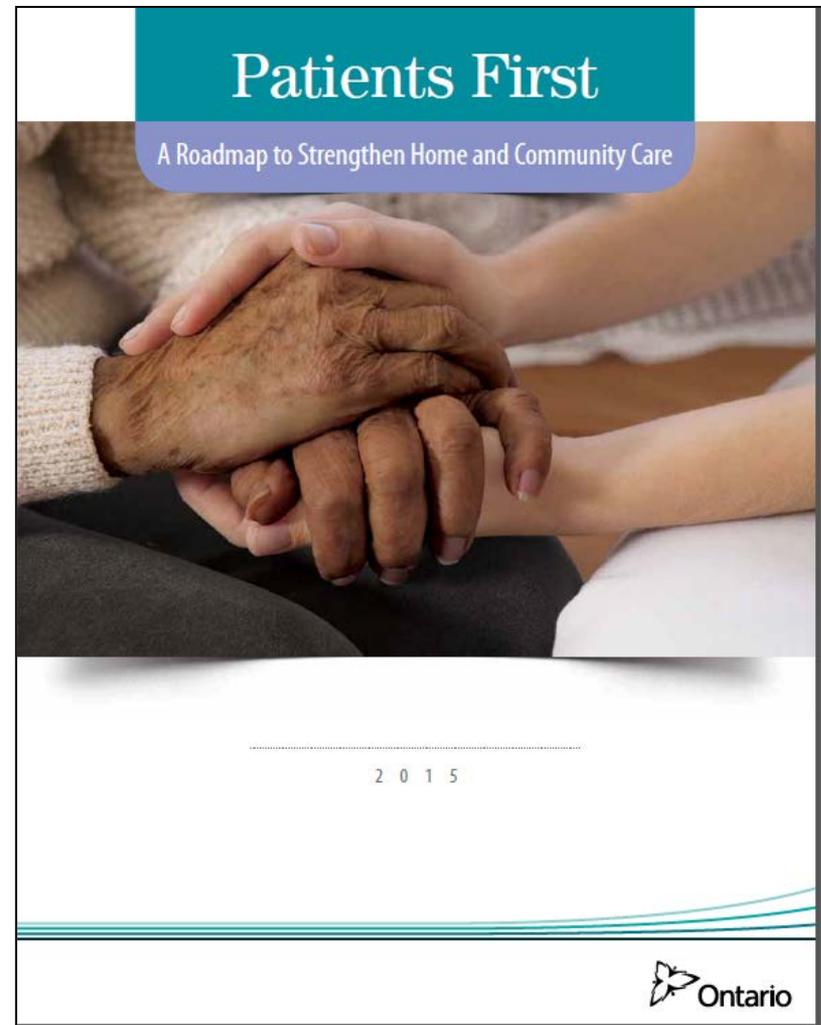
Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action

- In 2011, a broad range of stakeholders including the ministry, Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), Cancer Care Ontario, and Quality Hospice Palliative Care Coalition of Ontario released the Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action.
- The Declaration outlined a vision and 6 strategic priorities for improving palliative and end-of-life care in Ontario:
 1. Improving access to palliative care
 2. Supporting caregivers
 3. Increasing the health system's capacity to deliver palliative care
 4. Better integrating services, so that it is easier to navigate the system
 5. Establishing clear accountability structures for palliative care providers
 6. Promoting a public dialogue about death, end-of-life wishes, and palliative care



Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care

- *Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care* sets out the ministry's plan for transforming the home and community care sector.
- Palliative and end-of-life care is a key pillar of the Roadmap.
- The Roadmap includes a commitment to improve palliative and end-of-life care and engage with Ontarians and stakeholders on a plan for palliative and end-of-life care.



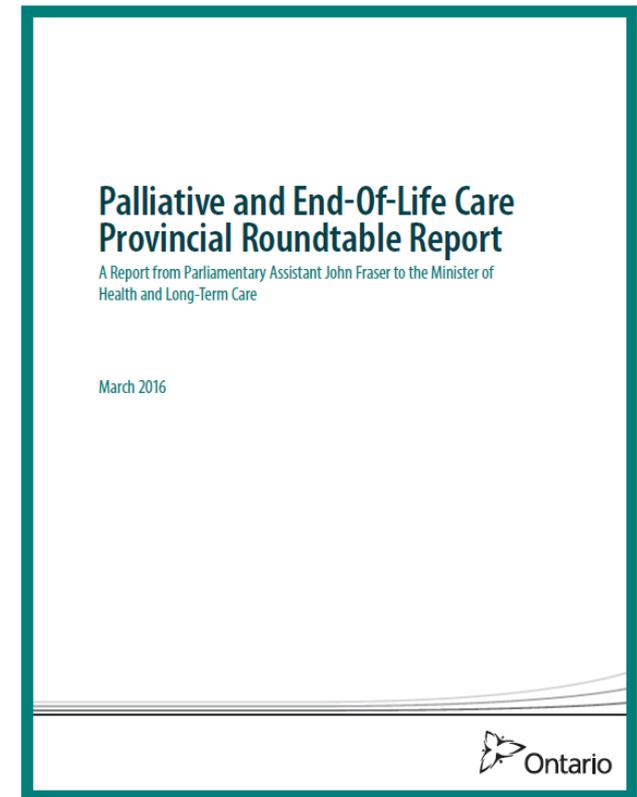
Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report

- Between July and January 2015, PA Fraser held roundtable discussions with over 350 stakeholders. These consisted of a broad range of stakeholders, including LHINs, health service providers, patients and caregivers, Indigenous leaders, and community organizations.
- Consultations with Indigenous populations are ongoing.
- On March 11, 2016, PA Fraser released a summary from his roundtable discussions in *Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report*.
- Key themes identified from the roundtable discussions:
 1. Ensure that patients, caregivers and families are aware of, and have easier to access to, palliative and end-of-life (EOL) services in the community
 2. Ensure that high-quality palliative/EOL care is delivered consistently across Ontario
 3. Support open discussions about advance care planning, so that families are aware of patients' wishes regarding palliative/EOL care
 4. Palliative and EOL services should be designed to accommodate each patient's unique needs (e.g. cultural or linguistic needs, access in rural/urban communities)
 5. Ensure that Aboriginal patients/families have access to culturally appropriate palliative care in their communities

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Key themes focused on **long-term care**:

1. Long-term care homes should be an important part of the continuum of palliative care.
2. A **coordinated** system is needed among different care providers to ensure consistent care across different care settings.
3. Indigenous people need access to **culturally competent** care across all care settings, including long-term care.



Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provincial Roundtable Report:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/palliative/pdf/palliative_report.pdf

The Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN)

The Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN) was launched on March 11, 2016.

The OPCN will:

1. Serve as the government's principal advisor on palliative care
2. Coordinate regional palliative programs, to ensure alignment with best practices and provincial standards
3. Measure and report to the ministry on system performance

The LHINs, Health Quality Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario, and community representation will provide joint leadership for the OPCN.



Questions and Comments

Thank you

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