

**LETTER OF INFORMATION REGARDING:**  
**Formative Evaluation of Ontario Health Teams: Survey**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Ontario Ministry of Health is committed to a centrally coordinated evaluation of the Ontario Health Teams (OHT) to understand teamwork, trust, and collaboration amongst partners as well as early OHT activities. We invite you to participate in this evaluation.

**WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?**

We are asking you to complete a 15-20 minute survey. If you wish to participate, please complete the survey by clicking the on the link provided in the email.

**WILL I BENEFIT FROM THIS STUDY?**

There is no compensation for your participation. The evaluation will provide an understanding of your partnership's readiness for integrated care. Aggregate results will be provided back to each OHT and will be available to the Ministry of Health.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Your participation in this evaluation is voluntary. If you choose to participate there are no reasonably foreseeable risks to you.

**WILL MY DATA BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?**

Yes. No names or contact information will be stored in the file containing your survey data; rather a unique identifying number will be used. Electronic survey data will be stored on a secure network at the University of Toronto. Individual-level data will only be available to persons conducting the evaluation. Only aggregate data, with a minimum of six participants, will be used in any reports or publications resulting from this evaluation.

**CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I'VE CONSENTED TO PARTICIPATE?**

Your participation is voluntary; you have the right to choose to not participate, or to stop participating in this evaluation without having to provide a reason and without any consequence. If you wish to withdraw after having completed the survey, please contact the Principal Investigator of this study, Dr. Walter Wodchis, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), University of Toronto at 416-946-7387 or [walter.wodchis@utoronto.ca](mailto:walter.wodchis@utoronto.ca). You can only withdraw from the evaluation prior to the publication of any reports.

#### WHOM CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the evaluation team at [OHT.evaluation@utoronto.ca](mailto:OHT.evaluation@utoronto.ca).

You waive no legal rights by participating in this research and confidentiality can only be guaranteed to the extent permitted by law. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, contact the Office of Research Ethics at the University of Toronto at [ethics.review@utoronto.ca](mailto:ethics.review@utoronto.ca) or 416-946-3273.

#### HOW DO I PROVIDE CONSENT?

By completing the survey, you are providing consent to participate in this evaluation.

Yours sincerely,



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