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# South West LHIN appoints Emergency Department Lead

### NEWS

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**LONDON, ON** – Chief Executive Officer Michael Barrett today announced the appointment of Dr. Jon Dreyer as Emergency Department (ED) Lead for the South West LHIN. Dr. Dreyer takes on this position which was originally created in 2007, to advance the ED Strategy locally within the LHIN and across the province.

Dr. Dreyer is currently an Emergency Department physician at the London Hospitals and Chief of Staff at Four Counties Health Services in Newbury. He was previously Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine at London Health Sciences Centre (1996-2001), and he also teaches Emergency Medicine at the Schulich School of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. Dreyer will work with hospital and physician partners to advance the ED Strategy objectives of reducing ED demand, increasing ED Capacity and supporting timely access to the most appropriate care across the South West LHIN. He will also work with partners to ensure the efficient and appropriate use of scarce ED resources, and assist in defining and refining ED performance improvement targets.

The ED Lead position will also participate as a member of the ED Lead Provincial Table which includes all the ED Leads from LHINs across the province. In addition to his participation with these groups, Dr. Dreyer will review the Emergency Department Reporting System (EDRS) data on a quarterly basis to assist him in addressing ED pressures. The ED Lead will proactively monitor EDRS data and provide insight for wait time fluctuations, including significant increases or decreases within the LHIN and noting key trends at the Provincial level.

As ED Lead, he will work with the LHIN to track the implementation of ED Strategy initiatives within the LHIN including the Pay-for-Results Program, ED Performance Improvement Program and Nurse-led Outreach Teams to assess challenges and propose solutions.

Dr. Dreyer will organize and chair a LHIN Emergency Department Network to be composed of appropriate representatives from hospitals in the LHIN's geographic area that provide Emergency Department services (including both administrators and clinicians), designated LHIN staff and other relevant stakeholders.

### Quotes

“We are thrilled to have a physician of Dr. Dreyer’s calibre on board. His extensive background in emergency medicine and his experience as an emergency department physician in many of the hospitals across the South West will be invaluable assets in advancing our Emergency Department Strategy.” – Michael Barrett, CEO, South West LHIN.

“The challenges facing emergency departments are complex, and the solutions varied. I am looking forward to working with the South West LHIN’s 27 emergency departments and with my colleagues across the province as we work toward better and timelier access to emergency department care in all our hospitals.” Dr. Dreyer, Chief of Staff, Four Counties Health Services, Newbury.

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