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**For the Attention of:
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Report of the Investigators of Surgical and Pathology Issues at Three Essex County Hospitals

Earlier today, the government released its *Report of the Investigators of Surgical and Pathology Issues at Three Essex County Hospitals: Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Leamington District Memorial Hospital and Windsor Regional Hospital*. ([A copy of the report is available here](#)).

The team of investigators, led by Dr. Barry McLellan, the president and CEO of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and the former chief coroner of Ontario, were appointed in March 2010 by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to investigate a series of surgical and pathology errors at Windsor-Essex area hospitals.

Dr. McLellan's report contains recommendations directed at the Windsor-Essex area hospitals as well as province-wide recommendations for all hospitals, the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the MOHLTC, and other health system stakeholders. In particular, the report calls for the creation of a Pathology Expert Council to develop a provincial quality assurance standards for pathology, something the OHA has advocated for.

Based on recommendations in the report, the government will also be appointing a facilitator to report back to the MOHLTC on the status of implementation of the report's recommendations.

In response to the report, the OHA and the OMA have issued a joint statement. It is [available here](#). The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has also issued a statement, [available here](#).

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