



COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE WELLNESS CLINICS



PRESENTER DISCLOSURE

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- **Relationships with commercial interests:**
None

OBJECTIVES

- WHAT IS COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE?
- WHY COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE?
- HOW WELLNESS CLINICS MAY ASSIST IN MANAGING HYPERTENSION IN COMMUNITY

WHAT IS COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE?



EMS...

**Doing the same thing as the ER with
1/8 the room ,less people
and at 70 MPH**

**...Still called "Ambulance
Drivers"**

(so how was your "bad day"?)



COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE IS:

- PARAMEDIC SKILLS
- PARAMEDIC TIME
- UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

UTILIZED IN A DIFFERENT WAY

WHY COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE?



WHY COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

- ADDRESS GAPS IDENTIFIED IN THE COMMUNITY
- DECREASE 911 CALLS
- DECREASE HEALTHCARE COSTS
- ASSIST SENIORS TO AGE AT HOME

JANUARY 2014

- PROVINCE OF ONTARIO PLEDGED \$6 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE INITIATIVES ACROSS THE PROVINCE



OCTOBER 2014

- FRONTENAC PARAMEDIC SERVICES RECEIVES \$156,800 IN FUNDING



WELLNESS CLINICS

- MONTHLY
 - WOLFE ISLAND
 - ROTATING LOCATIONS COUNTY OF FRONTENAC

WE GO TO WHERE SENIORS GATHER

WELLNESS CLINICS

- VITAL SIGNS
- WEIGHT
- BLOOD SUGAR
- ECG
- MEDICATION REVIEW
- ANSWER QUESTIONS

OPPORTUNITIES

PARAMEDIC REFERRALS TO CCAC

HOME VISITS

REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING

CHALLENGES

- UNIQUE NEEDS IN EACH COMMUNITY
- COMMUNICATION WITH PRIMARY CARE
- ONGOING FUNDING

QUESTIONS?

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