

MEDIA STATEMENT**OHA Welcomes Opportunity to Integrate
Community Surgical Centres into Ontario's Health Care System**

January 16, 2023, Toronto, ON – Ontario's hospitals have a long history of leadership in clinical innovation and working collaboratively to implement new ways to reduce wait times and deliver exceptional patient-centred care in a safe and timely manner.

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) welcomes the opportunity to work together with government and system partners to integrate Community Surgical Centres into Ontario's health care system and establish new partnerships between hospitals and community-based surgical clinics to help ensure access to care for patients.

Given the hugely disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals, health human resources and wait times for services, it is essential that the expanded use of Community Surgical Centres into new areas of clinical activity take place in a planned manner with appropriate change management and risk management measures in place.

As always, by working together as Team Ontario, we can overcome any challenge and deliver on our shared commitment to strengthening our public healthcare system in service of the people of Ontario.

- Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

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