

Description:

- Physician Assistants (PAs) are skilled health professionals who support physicians in a range of health care settings.
- PAs are being introduced in Ontario through various pilot projects in different health care settings, including hospitals and emergency departments. These one and two-year pilot projects are designed to pilot test the integration of this role as a solution to Health Human Resources issues being experienced in Ontario's health care system.

Benefits:

- The overall aim is to help ensure more timely access to appropriate health care providers for Ontarians, with the goal of improved patient satisfaction and patient care.
- It is anticipated that the introduction of this new role will lead to reduced wait times and to increased quality of care for Ontario patients.

Pre-requisites or Restrictions:

- Access is currently limited to hospitals that have been selected to participate in the one-year ED or two-year hospital-based PA demonstration pilots (which also includes a number of ED sites).

Process:

- The pilot projects are designed to evaluate how PAs can best be used in the Ontario health care system. They will inform the long term use of this provider type within the system.

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