



## Partnership Principles

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### Introduction

The Health Care Network of Southeastern Ontario was created in 1993 as a voluntary partnership of health service organizations who are working together to improve the delivery of health services in the region.

### Network Vision and Goals

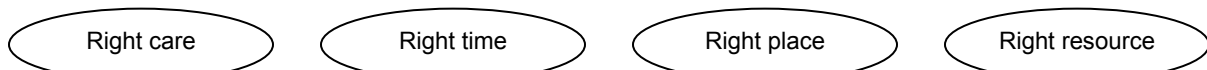
- ✦ To provide leadership in the development of a regional, integrated health system based around an academic health sciences center.
- ✦ To promote health and provide education, research, planning and the highest quality health care at the right time, the right place and by the most appropriate provider.
- ✦ To support a health care system in which the components of the system (providers and organizations) are interdependent, have common/shared relationships, roles and responsibilities for health, health care services, education, research and planning.
- ✦ To actively promote the appropriate, equitable and sustainable use of resources using a population needs-based approach.

### Guiding Principles

In order to help the member organizations achieve the vision and goals, the following guiding principles have been developed to ensure a consistent approach to all activities of the Health Care Network of Southeastern Ontario.

It is understood that specific activities may develop additional terms of reference; however they must be consistent with these guiding principles.

- ✦ Enhancement of access to the highest quality of health care services provided to the residents of Southeastern Ontario using the following four pillars:



- ✦ Development of economies of scale, reduction of duplication and promotion of standardized evidence-based best practice throughout the region, with particular emphasis on patient safety and quality improvement.
- ✦ Active promotion of opportunities that enhance research and education, and leverage existing federal, provincial and other initiatives in order to develop and improve the integration of care and ensure a workforce of engaged health care professionals.
- ✦ While still autonomous and responsible for their role mission vision, values and strategic plans and complying with all pertinent legislation, members commit themselves to consulting with the organizations affected by their plans before taking action which would affect another member or the Network as a whole.