

KO eHEALTH eHeath Consideration

For Physicians and Nurses Working at the Community Level



The Referral Process is simple for the referring physician or nurse. Once the Referral Form has been submitted, the KO eHealth Scheduling Office handles the details. KO staff work together with the local Community Telemedicine Coordinator and the patient to complete scheduling (often with some back-and-forth) which will synchronize with appointment schedules with OTN, the consultant, and the KO eHealth scheduling calendar. Some of the variables Scheduling staff deal with to complete this process include the specialist's time and availability, the patient's preferred schedule, the local schedule for use of space and equipment, changes to either the patient's or physician's schedule, network availability related to eHealth applications for the patient session, and any problem-solving along the way.

KO Telemedicine transforming the way you receive health care.



Utilization of eHealth technologies and facilitated services is simply another set of tools for providers to use for enabling enhanced and more-accessible care to the same population of patients with whom they are already working.

As of January 2013, the Meno-ya-win Health Centre Tele-Medicine Office in Sioux Lookout has on-line access to the KO eHealth Scheduling Calendar. This development simplifies some of the previous process, allowing MYW staff to tentatively select dates for patient surgical consults.

Medical professionals who are interested in the use of specialized tele-medicine equipment (diagnostic, data-gathering, and data transmission) can receive training from KO eHealth Clinical staff, or they can simply observe and support the Community Telemedicine Coordinator do their work with local patients.

Tele-medicine training sessions for local community nurses will commence in 2013. These sessions will cover the technical basics of data transmission and connectivity for video-conferencing, use of video-conferencing equipment, and the use and care of the iDOC tele-medicine equipment carts located in each of the KO eHealth partner community sites.

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