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Ontario Health Quality Council Hosts Roundtable On Chronic Disease

Hamilton, ON – The Ontario Health Quality Council heard from Hamilton-area patients and health care providers about the quality of health care delivery for people living with chronic disease – what is working well and where there is need for improvement.

The need to prevent chronic disease and improve quality of life becomes more urgent as our population ages, and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer and respiratory illnesses become more prevalent. “Time is not our friend here,” said Ray Hession, Chair, Ontario Health Quality Council.

Knowledge and information gaps were also identified as crucial in helping patients to manage their chronic diseases. “Coordinating efforts of health care providers gives greater certainty that people with chronic diseases will receive the care they need. Hamilton has a history of doing a great job at this,” added Hession.

The Ontario Health Quality Council is an independent agency funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Council reports directly to Ontarians on access to publicly funded health services, health human resources in publicly funded health services, consumer and population health status, and health system outcomes.

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