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Ontario Healthcare Leaders Recognized as Inaugural Champions of Telemedicine

The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is awarding leaders in telemedicine innovation, delivery and advocacy across Ontario

TORONTO, June 16, 2015 – Ontario’s healthcare system wouldn’t be where it is today if it wasn’t for the leadership of healthcare providers who have helped develop, test and deploy new technologies to improve care delivery. The [Ontario Telemedicine Network \(OTN\)](#) has established the *Champions of Telemedicine Award* to commemorate the outstanding contributions of these dedicated leaders.

OTN is recognizing 15 healthcare professionals across Ontario with the Champions of Telemedicine Award. This inaugural award acknowledges the exceptional efforts of leaders in each of Ontario’s 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), and a leader within Ontario’s aboriginal community. OTN will honour Champions at a special awards ceremony in each of their respective LHINs.

“Each award winner has pioneered the adoption of telemedicine solutions in various healthcare settings across the province,” says Ed Brown, CEO, OTN. “Their forward-thinking, hard work, and commitment to integrating innovative technologies into their communities has formed one of the largest networks of connected care providers in the world and has paved the way for a new model of care – one that puts the patient first.”

OTN’s front-line staff and community partners were asked to nominate individuals for the award and the champions were selected by OTN based on their ongoing achievements and efforts in leading and inspiring the adoption of telemedicine, bringing forth new ideas and innovative solutions, and reinforcing quality of care to positively impact patients.

[See a full list of winners of the *Champions of Telemedicine Award* here.](#)

For more information about how to attend an awards ceremony in your market or to arrange an interview with a local Champion, please contact:

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About Ontario Telemedicine Network

The world leader in telemedicine, OTN helps Ontarians get more out of the health care system by bridging the distance of time and geography to bring more patients the care they need, where and when they need it. Using innovative technology, OTN streamlines the healthcare process, while also expanding the way knowledge is shared and how the medical community interacts with each other and with patients. An independent, not-for-profit organization, OTN is funded by the Government of Ontario and Canada Health Infoway. For more information please visit www.otn.ca and www.otnresults.ca.

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