



Ontario Telemedicine Network seeks Board of Directors candidates

Background

The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that has created one of the largest and most sophisticated telemedicine environments in the world. OTN has transformed the way patients receive needed health care by extending and improving access to healthcare providers and eliminating barriers to care across Ontario.

OTN is primarily funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to provide services for the Ontario healthcare system and to act as the agent of government in ensuring that telemedicine adds value and becomes integrated at scale into the health care system. OTN also receives substantial funding from Canada Health Infoway (a federal agency) and continues to grow additional national and international revenue-generating activities to support its mission.

OTN provides a set of core services and acts as an aggregator, leader and catalyst that enables providers, organizations, the Ontario government and patients to leverage the benefits of virtual health care. Organizations and providers who become members of OTN gain access to the world's largest collaborative community of telemedicine-enabled providers. Through this membership, OTN provides a wide range of defined telemedicine services as well as resources to support adoption and business planning for virtual health care introduction. OTN has over 1,700 member organizations that include academic health sciences centres, community hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, clinics, nursing stations, Community Care Access Centres, Local Health Integration Networks, long-term care facilities, community agencies, educational facilities, Family Health Teams, correctional facilities and public health units, as well as approximately 25,000 individual health provider members.

Over the past three years, OTN has evolved its service delivery model, adding new solutions and introducing an efficient software-based model that leverages lower cost technology and networking. Moving forward, OTN's role is to ensure that safe and credible provider-provider and provider-patient collaboration solutions are universally available, including solutions that reach out into the home and community and that leverage existing consumer technologies. OTN is focusing on adding value as a health system catalyst, change management agent, and innovator and is positioned as a key provincial collaborator in the development of new, patient-centred care delivery models that connect and empower patients. OTN is committed to playing a pivotal role in the healthcare space as an enabler and innovation driver to support health system-wide structure and policy changes at scale.

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OTN Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall effective governance of the affairs of OTN. This includes overseeing OTN's activities, finances, risk and strategy, ensuring its sound operation and overseeing its executive human resources. In addition, the Board is responsible for accountability to funding partners and compliance with OTN by-laws and the applicable laws and regulations of Ontario and Canada.

The current Board consists of 11 Board members with specific skills, qualities, and experience. Board Committees include Board Development and Governance, Audit & Finance, Human Resources, and Planning and Priorities.

Board and Committee meetings are held five times per annum and can be attended in person, via videoconference or teleconference. Board meetings and Committee meetings are generally two hours and one hour in length respectively. One or two full-day planning meetings are also held each year (usually in conjunction with Board Meetings), which require in-person attendance in Toronto. Board members are expected to commit the time required to prepare for and attend meetings and to participate on at least one of the Committees.

Directors are appointed for a three-year term and may be reappointed for a second term.

The current Board consists of a mix of health sector leaders, clinicians, and accounting professionals, as well as private sector and not-for profit leaders. The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is currently seeking new members to join their Board of Directors.

OTN is generally looking for leaders with an appreciation for health system transformation and the possibilities afforded by virtual care.

General Skills

- Leaders with an interest and appreciation for health system transformation and the possibilities afforded by virtual care
- Experience/knowledge in governance best practices
- Strategic thinking, problem solving and independent thinking skills
- Interpersonal skills to interact with other Board members, senior management and key stakeholders
- Ability to impact and influence and be a passionate ambassador for the growth and enhancement of health care in Ontario



In addition to the general skills required by a Director, the following specific skills and attributes are of particular interest to further complement the current Board composition:

- Clinical leadership and transformation
- Health system complexity, planning and navigation
- Organizational transformation
- Communications and Marketing, with emphasis on social media and consumerism

Strong candidates with other skill sets will also be considered.

How to Apply

To express your interest in becoming a volunteer member of OTN's Board of Directors, or to nominate someone for consideration, please complete the attached application and forward it, along with a recent bio or curriculum vitae, in confidence to:

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