



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 has received 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 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 province-wide.

OTN has over 1,700-member organizations that include academic health sciences centres, community hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, clinics, nursing stations, 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 28,000 individual health provider members.

OTN earned its reputation over the past decade through the advancement of videoconferencing technology in healthcare. OTN has connected thousands of specialists, clinicians, and patients together when physical location, access or time constraints create a barrier to care. OTN offers healthcare practitioners a core set of integrated telemedicine tools and services that better enable them to care for their patients, collaborate with peers, and access online learning and education.

OTN also provides innovative programs such as Telehomecare, an intensive health coaching and remote monitoring service for patients with chronic disease, specifically



chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure; Tele dermatology, which supports online dermatology consults; online mental health support for people living with mild or moderate anxiety or depression and; Teleophthalmology, a program that provides retinal screening for Ontarians with diabetes. OTN works with industry innovators and technology vendors alongside health care organizations to identify, develop and validate new models of care that reach into the home and community that have the potential to transform the delivery of health care within Ontario.

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 members with specific skills, qualities, and experience, a mix of health sector leaders, clinicians, technologists and accounting professionals, as well as private sector and not-for profit leaders. Board Committees include Board Development and Governance, Audit and 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 via teleconference. Board meetings are generally 2 hours in length and Committee meetings are one hour in length. 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.

OTN is 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

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- 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:

- Leadership in primary care
- Digital technology transformation (preferably with healthcare experience)

Other skill sets including legal expertise and rural/northern Ontario representation are also valuable. 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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