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A Four Part Series

The Family Doctor and Beyond...
 Overtaken By Illness...
 No Longer Independent...
 Advocating For Health



Getting the Care You Need When You Need it

- Information is power
- Getting timely access to care
- Finding the best place for your care
- Identifying the right team to provide your care
- Accessing home and community health care





Information is Power - Managing Your Condition

- > Learn everything you can about your condition
- Seek out an organized program
- Build your care team/support network
- Stay abreast of new developments in treatment
- Adjust your life to successfully manage your condition
- Research evidence that supports alternatives to long-term medication



Tools For Timely Care

- Addressing the wait time factor
- Advocacy a voice and support
- Self-Management
- Networking information and access
- > Appropriateness



Key Steps To Ensure A Safe Journey

Get to the right place
Know your drugs
Have the right care team
Be involved in your care
Don't go alone – bring an advocate









Where's the Best Place for Care? Who's on Your Team? Considerations – Options/Mix/Transitions

- Primary Care Provider Family Doctor/Nurse Practitioner/Interdisciplinary T
- Community Clinics
- Specialists
- Alternative Health Care providers
- Hospitals/Organized Care Networks
- Home Care/Community Support Services CCACs



Health Care at Home

> What's Available Points of Access CCAC http://healthcareathome.ca/ **Private Companies >**Issues Road Map to Better Care



Insurance Considerations

Insurance Home Insurance > OHIP Life Insurance ealth Insurance Travel Insurance Car Insurance Extended Benefits Plans **Employer or Private** Inclusions/Exclusions/Drug Coverage Travel Health Insurance Disability Insurance Critical Care Insurance Health







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