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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







# **Questions?**

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