

## **FAQs re Healthcare Needs Assessment Form**

Peterborough County has launched a Healthcare Needs Assessment form. This form will be the basis of the new waitlist for residents who require a physician in addition to gathering information on what other health related services residents of Peterborough County would like to see closer to home.

Your Health Matters in Peterborough County!

### **Why are you collecting this information?**

At this point, we do not have an accurate count of the number of people within each township who do not have a physician or want to access care closer to home. By completing this form, it will help us with planning and recruitment of healthcare professionals to the area.

### **How will I know if a physician/nurse practitioner is accepting patients?**

You will be notified by the Health Care Advancement Coordinator or delegate and will be asked to go to the physician office to complete the required paperwork.

### **If I have a physician, but would like one closer to home do I need to de-register from that physician to go on this list?**

No, you will not be required to do that. You can continue to receive care from your current physician until a physician/nurse practitioner becomes available in your desired township.

### **I am already on the provincial Health Care Connect waiting list, do I need to register here as well?**

Yes, we will be using this list versus the Health Care Connect List when a physician is adding patients, or a new physician is recruited to town.

### **I am on another list at the Township Office and or Family Physician Office, should I still complete this form?**

Yes, the goal is that this list replaces the lists at these locations. This will help ensure accuracy and relieve the burden of maintaining a list from these locations.

### **I have been advised by Health Care Connect to still call the individual offices to see if they are taking patients, should I continue to do that?**

No, please do not do that. These offices are overburdened, and we seek to take this extra work off their plate.

**What do I do if I get a physician outside Peterborough County and or move and no longer wish to be on this list?**

Contact the Healthcare Advancement Coordinator at [yourhealthmatters@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:yourhealthmatters@ptbocounty.ca) or 705-930-4765 to be removed from the list.

**What do I do if I do not have a doctor and require care?**

Visit [www.ptbocounty.ca/yourhealthmatters](http://www.ptbocounty.ca/yourhealthmatters) for other care options.