



1986-2018



2018-2020 (interim period)



2021

Our evolution

In 1986, Regional Geriatric Programs were established at Academic Health Sciences Centres in Hamilton, Kingston, London, Ottawa, and Toronto. This partnership in education, research and development of standards of practice was a foundational element of what is now a strong provincial network of clinical geriatric services focused on the needs of Ontario's aging population. This original partnership was called the Regional Geriatric Programs of Ontario (RGPO).

In 2018, Provincial Geriatrics Leadership Ontario (PGLO) was created to bring all of Ontario's Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS) together into one expanded network, including: geriatric medicine specialists, geriatric psychiatry/seniors' mental health specialists, care of the elderly trained primary care physicians, and interprofessional geriatric teams. These expert health professionals are trained to deliver clinical services, build capacity, conduct evaluation at micro, meso and macro levels, and inform health policy relevant to the health and social care needs of older adults and their caregivers.

In 2020, the RGPO voted to sunset their partnership and asked PGLO to continue the work of planning for specialized older adult care in Ontario. PGLO brings Regional Geriatric Program leaders together into an expanded network with other health system partners who provide specialized care for older adults. Funded by the Ministry of Health to provide backbone support for a broader set of clinical services, PGLO continues to build on the important legacy of the RGPO in its role as the provincial organization tasked with the coordination of clinical perspectives in geriatrics across all care settings in Ontario.

PGLO works as a collaborative network with regional system partners, provincial organizations, national associations, and government ministries to deliver on our mission to support older adults living with complex health and social care needs across the province. Our [2020-2023 strategic plan](#) focuses on three directions for our work: drive clinical excellence; build capacity across the system; and advance seniors health policy. Older adults participate in collaborative decision-making and advise on the activities of PGLO to advance integrated care for older adults. Combining input from health providers across disciplines and services, together with the participation of older adults and their caregivers, PGLO is reimagining leadership in clinical geriatrics in Ontario.