

## Strong Regional Infrastructure



Ontario's clinical geriatric services are coordinated by regional partners that are called Regional Geriatric Programs (RGPs) or Regional Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS). This regional infrastructure operates under various names and may be hosted by a local organizational partner that enables a **regional** outlook. All RGPs and SGS entities provide strategic and operational leadership for the implementation of clinical geriatric services region-wide, and work with local community and health partners to:

- Advance and advocate for integrated care for older adults in collaboration with networks and partners (including Ontario Health Teams)
- Coordinate and deliver clinical specialized geriatric services (e.g. care of the elderly, geriatric medicine, seniors' mental health, interprofessional geriatric teams)
- Research, create and translate knowledge and subject matter expertise for clinicians, older adults, care partners and policy-makers
- Collaborate in the research, development, validation and implementation of clinical tools, resources, models and approaches to care (clinical service design)
- Coach, mentor, teach and train through academic and community linkages (capacity building)
- Contribute to the development, implementation, analysis and interpretation of indicators and evaluation activities relevant to older adults (performance management)
- Coordinate initiatives and communication across local, regional, and provincial levels
- Link those delivering care to older adults in any setting with resources to support practice and excellence
- Study supply, utilization and health human resource planning issues (capacity planning)
- Provide region-wide implementation support for provincial geriatric-related guidelines and policy (older adult health care policy)



Find Regional Geriatric Programs and  
Regional Specialized Geriatric Services  
Entities

<https://rgps.on.ca/regional-programs/>