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**GAIN Clinic Open House held in celebration of Seniors' Month**  
***New Geriatric Assessment service has seen 40 patients since opening doors***

The GAIN Clinic hosted an open house last Wednesday in celebration of Seniors' Month.

In attendance for the event were MPP Jeff Leal, PRHC President & CEO Ken Tremblay, representatives from the Central East LHIN, the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), hospital directors, management, staff – and virtually every member of the GAIN interdisciplinary team of health care professionals.

“The GAIN clinics are part of a lattice of care being created to ensure that fewer patients fall through the cracks,” said Ken Tremblay. “Thank you to everyone here today for your involvement and contributions to making this much-needed service a success.”

“This is a welcome regional service,” said Dr. Jenny Ingram, who provides physician support for GAIN patients. “With GAIN criteria in place, seniors in the emergency department and in the community will have an accessible urgent care clinic available to them.

“This will be a lead program in developing inpatient Geriatric ACE (acute care for the elderly) beds and improved coordination of care through our CCAC partners and GEM Nurses,” added Dr. Ingram. “The Ministry of Health and the Ontario government, together with the CE LHIN, have developed and supported this initiative – one of the first regional geriatric programs offered LHIN-wide in Ontario.”

**About the Geriatric Assessment Intervention Network (GAIN):**

As a demonstration of its goal to support seniors across the region, the Central East LHIN supported the creation of specialized, integrated geriatric clinics at PRHC, Lakeridge Health, the Scarborough Hospital and the Rouge Valley Health System. PRHC opened its GAIN clinic in April.

These clinics are designed to provide a timely response to patients identified through emergency department visits and through their family health teams, if complex and urgent needs are identified. An inter-professional assessment will address the needs of seniors at high risk for institutional care or functional decline. Generally, patients aged 75+, who live at home or in a retirement residence, with multiple complex medical, functional and psychosocial issues, are welcomed.

For more information, please visit the PRHC website at [www.prhc.on.ca](http://www.prhc.on.ca).

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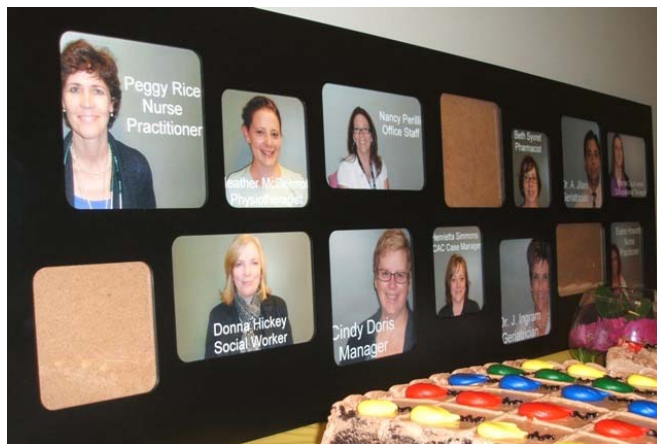
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Celebrating the GAIN clinic



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