25 Years OF AGING SUCCESSFULLY

Regional Geriatric Program of Eastern Ontario

Clinical Services

- Outreach teams
- Day Hospitals
- In-Patient Geriatric Assessment Units
- Clinics
- Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit
- Geriatric Emergency Management

Reseach and Evaluation

- Health Service Delivery
- Housing Needs
- Driving & Dementia
- Diagnosis Disclosure
- Gender & Aging
- Disease & Injury Prevention
- Telemedicine

Education

- Regional Geriatric Rounds
- Academic Geriatric Rounds
- Geriatric Refresher Days
- GiiC
- Lunch & Learn
- Medical education
- Geriatric Assessor Training

Partnership & Advocacy

- Champlain & Ontario Dementia Networks
- Seniors Health Research Transfer Network
- Regional Geriatric Advisory Committee
- Institute on Health of the Elderly
- Aging at Home
- Supportive Housing
- Residential Care
- Council on Aging Ottawa

History

1978 District Health Council recommended establishment of Regional Geriatric Assessment Program

1981 Planning for Regional Geriatric Assessment Program of Ottawa-Carleton (RGAP-OC) through leadership of District Health Council, University of Ottawa, Ottawa Civic Hospital, & Dr. John Dall, visitng Geriatrician from Scotland

1983 RGAP-OC received initial funding, making it first Regional Geriatric Program (RGP) in Ontario

1984 Dr. Herbert Cosman, Acting Chief of Geriatrics, developed & opened 18 bed Geriatric Assessment Unit & 10 places Geriatric Day Hospital at the Civic Hospital

1985 Appointment of Dr. William B. Dalziel as Chief of Geriatrics, Division of Medicine, University of Ottawa & Head of RGAP-OC

Linda Greenacre (now Dalziel) appointed as program coordinator

1986 First rural clinic opened in Pembroke (later expanded to Arnprior, Cornwall, Renfrew & Winchester)

1988 Start of Geriatric Assessment Outreach Teams

Development of Regional Geriatric Advisory Committee, sub-committee of Continuing Care Board of District Health Council

1992 Development of RGAP-OC mission statement & a model for strategic planning

Development of Resource Centre on Aging

1994 City Wide Rounds started (now Regional Geriatric Rounds)

Played a leadership role in the establishment of RGPs of Ontario

1996 Development of Intake Data Set & Program Evaluation Activities

1998 Cal Martell appointed as Director of RGAP-OC

Mandate for the development of a strong research component

Co-founded Dementia Network of Ottawa (Now Champlain Dementia Network)

2000 Appointment of Dr. Barbara Power as Chief of Geriatric Medicine, University of Ottawa

Start of Geriatric Emergency Management (now expanded to a provincial program)

2004 First RGAP-OC Annual Meeting

2007 New logo & look – RGAP-OC name changed to Regional Geriatric Program of Eastern Ontario (RGPEO) to include Renfrew County and the Eastern Counties

2009–10 Appointment of Dr. Frank Molnar as Medical Director, RGPEO; Kelly Milne as Program Director RGPEO, Frédèric Beauchemin as Clinical Director Geriatrics The Ottawa Hospital

Community recognition: received Community Builder Award of the Year from the United Way & the Council on Aging Community Partner award