

25 Years OF AGING SUCCESSFULLY

Regional Geriatric Program of Eastern Ontario



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, visiting 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** 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, Frédéric 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

