



ROLE TITLE:	Panel Member, Ontario Laboratory Medicine Program (OLMP) – Point of Care Testing
REPORTS TO:	Clinical Lead, Ontario Laboratory Medicine Program
LOCATION:	Ontario
ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT:	Voluntary (Approx. 1 panel meeting and 2-4 hours of time per month)
TERM:	2 year term + option to renew for 2-years
No. of OPPORTUNITIES:	8-10
POSTING DATE:	June 5, 2024
CLOSING DATE:	July 4, 2024

POSITION SUMMARY

Ontario Health is seeking expressions of interest from laboratory medicine professionals for **membership on the Ontario Laboratory Medicine Program's (OLMP) Point of Care Testing Expert Panel**. This is a unique opportunity to provide leadership to drive quality, accountability, and innovation in the laboratory medicine health system. This opportunity is open to all qualified candidates.

The Ontario Laboratory Medicine Program will build upon the framework of the COVID-19 testing network, and with support from the Ministry of Health, will provide strategic and operational coordination and oversight for lab services across the province.

With over 250 million laboratory tests performed in Ontario each year, the OLMP's vision is to enable an integrated testing program across the health system, with laboratory medicine services that are patient-centred, innovative, and ultimately enable the greatest clinical and public health value.

The OLMP's scope of work includes monitoring specimen collection and equitable testing access, leveraging expert advice for appropriate and coordinated laboratory tests, fostering innovation and system responsiveness, enabling digital integration across the testing continuum, and working strategically with health system partners to support point-of-care testing.

Members of the OLMP Point of Care Testing Expert Panel will contribute expert advice and recommendations on the clinical and public health value and validity of new and existing tests or programs in Ontario to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategic and operational priorities, together as part of the OH OLMP team, required for integration and transformation of health care services for improved clinical care.

Interested parties should complete the [Expression of interest \(https://forms.office.com/r/tFrLRGxsrw\)](https://forms.office.com/r/tFrLRGxsrw) and send their curriculum vitae with subject "POCT EOI Panel Member – CV Submission – First and Last Name", electronically, to **Michele Henry**, care of OLMP@ontariohealth.ca no later than **11:59 P.M. on July 4, 2024**.

Questions about the role may be submitted to OLMP@ontariohealth.ca no later than **June 24, 2024**. A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request, by **June 28, 2024**. To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact OLMP@ontariohealth.ca.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

The key responsibilities of this role are:

- 1. Provide expertise and insight on system optimization and the delivery of provincial program priorities, serving as champions of program initiatives**
 - Participate in/contribute to panel meetings and engage with other panel members to drive provincial program priorities, beyond the context of one's individual role.
 - Review and provide expert input on materials and recommendations brought forward to the committee.
 - Support the development, evaluation, and implementation of Provincial Laboratory Medicine program initiatives.
- 2. Advance knowledge transfer and exchange**
 - Participate in evidence-based reviews, assessments, and provide recommendations for tests and laboratory initiatives, including reviewing input from partners/collaborators and considering the economic impact of testing.
 - Contribute to horizon and jurisdictional scanning to enable Ontario's awareness and preparedness for emerging knowledge and clinical practices in the field of laboratory medicine.
- 3. Enable collaboration and system integration**
 - Strong collaboration with other programs, initiatives, and subject matter experts related to Laboratory Medicine.
 - Establish and maintain effective links with relevant clinical communities on behalf of OH.
 - Support and advance collaboration among partners.
 - Provide timely advice in response to Ministry, and other requests for information related to the program.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Health professionals (hospital, community- based, public health laboratories, etc) within Ontario with three to five years of experience in Point of Care Testing.
- Proven track record of experience within health care and/or academic institutions.
- Knowledge of clinical, administrative and system issues with respect to Point of Care Testing in Ontario.
- Aptitude for systems thinking, ability to analyze information and to make sound decisions.
- Enthusiasm for, commitment to, and experience with quality improvement in health care.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Highly developed time management skills and ability to prioritize.
- Hands-on experience with point of care testing program implementation.
- Clinical, research and teaching experience in Point of Care Testing is an asset.

HOW TO APPLY:

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More about Ontario Health:

Ontario Health is an agency created by the Government of Ontario with a mandate to connect and coordinate Ontario's health care system in ways that have not been done before, to help ensure that Ontarians receive the best possible care.

Ontario Health oversees health care delivery across the province, which includes ensuring front-line providers and other health professionals have the tools and information they need to deliver the best possible care within their communities. This also means simplifying the current system and connecting and coordinating its many complex parts in new and innovative ways. This involves keeping a close eye on how the health system is performing and providing evidence-based standards and improvements to address any gaps.

Ontario Health helps to support significant and important transformation in Ontario's health system, working to ease the transition between points of care for Ontarians and helping to ensure they have access to the care they need. Ontario Health is adapting world-renowned practices from areas such as cancer care and renal care to other parts of the system, including mental health and addictions.

Through integration, coordination, connection, and clinical excellence, Ontario Health is working to reduce strain on the system which will enable investment of more resources on the care Ontarians need, and, most importantly, improve health outcomes and overall wellness for all.

As an operational service agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario Health is accountable for conducting a fair and transparent process, providing equal treatment to all qualified parties, in selecting a candidate for the above mentioned role.

Our website is at:

<http://www.ontariohealth.ca>