

North East LHIN Encourages Northerners to Plan for End-of-Life

Advance Care Planning Day is April 16



April 13, 2017 -- The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) works to improve a patient's experience with the health care system across the entire continuum – from birth to death. Expanding access to palliative care services and hospice beds in Northeastern Ontario is just one of the ways the LHIN is responding to Northerners' needs for compassionate end-of-life care.

The NE LHIN held a Death Café at this time last year to help begin conversations about death and normalizing the conversation about end-of-life. With Advance Care Planning Day on April 16, the NE LHIN encourages Northerners to focus on making end-of-life wishes known to loved ones while they are able to.

Louise Paquette, CEO of the NE LHIN, is shown above with the NE LHIN's Palliative Care Lead, Lianne Valiquette, reflecting on communicating wishes for end-of-life care. "Putting a plan in place ensures my family understands my values and wishes, and helps them with decisions that I may not be able to communicate in my final stages of life," said Paquette.

The NE LHIN provides more than \$5 million each year for hospice palliative care across Northeastern Ontario. This includes two hospices in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, hospice volunteer visiting delivered by nine agencies, and six education programs. See the NE LHIN's [website](#) for information on hospice palliative care across the region.

Advance Care Planning workbooks and guides can be found at www.advancecareplanning.ca

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