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Next Major Release of ClinicalConnect™ Now Live

A major upgrade to ClinicalConnect, referred to as Release 5.0, was successfully completed on Sunday, November 5, 2017 to further enhance the portal's functionality for users. While the structure remains similar, the new and more modern user interface/look and feel has been designed to improve the user experience and workflow. This upgraded user interface also lays the foundation for other enhancements to be made in the future.

Highlights of ClinicalConnect's new features include:

- **New Patient Dashboard** so users can easily arrange key data according to their clinical needs, all in one view
- **New Patient Visit Timeline** allows users to quickly see their patients' hospital visits for the year leading up to the most current visit
- **Advanced filtering options** enabling users to find data they're looking for faster, using type-ahead functionality
- **New consolidated Smart Census lists** with filters and sort options

How data displays when accessing ClinicalConnect on mobile devices has also been upgraded. [Click here](#) for a quick overview of the new ClinicalConnect on mobile devices.

This version of ClinicalConnect conforms with Level A, and some elements of the next level (Level AA - not required until 2021), of the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, in alignment with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Other components in ClinicalConnect will continue to be updated as part of subsequent releases as we work towards Level AA compliance in advance of the 2021 deadline.

Upon first login to the updated version, users will land on the Patient Dashboard described above. Users should take a moment to configure their dashboard to best suit their clinical needs, noting their setup will be maintained for future logins. [Click here](#) for a quick overview of how to set up your dashboard. Existing user preference settings, as well as Worklist patients, have automatically been transitioned from the old to the new version.

Updated training materials, in PDF and video format, are available by visiting the [Resource Centre](#) of the ClinicalConnect information website. Be sure to check out the new eLearning Tutorials that provide a quick (approximately 90 second) overview of various exciting new elements of ClinicalConnect.

ClinicalConnect Participants are reminded of the supported internet browsers for Release 5.0 (desktop version):

- Google Chrome (latest version)
- Microsoft Edge
- macOS Safari (latest version)
- Mozilla Firefox (latest version)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11

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ClinicalConnect is the regional clinical viewer for the connecting South West Ontario (cSWO) program, funded by eHealth Ontario. Hamilton Health Sciences is the solution provider deploying ClinicalConnect across the four south west Ontario LHINs. The cSWO Program is part of eHealth Ontario's ConnectingOntario initiative which is enabling the Province to achieve an electronic health record solution for all Ontarians. The eHealth Centre of Excellence is the Change Management and Adoption Delivery Partner (CM&A DP) for the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN) and is responsible for the deployment of cSWO Program services. Our role is to work with local health service providers to facilitate the business and technical adoption of cSWO EHR Program solutions and standards into the regular delivery of care. If you have questions, please contact us at: training@ehealthce.ca.