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**Family Health Team**



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### Topic of Virtual Care to be Explored at Next Virtual PACE Talk

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, February 4, 2021** — The Northumberland PACE Talk series continues virtually for the 2021 season, with the February session featuring a panel of speakers discussing *Virtual Care*. This virtual PACE Talk will take place through Zoom on **Wednesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM** with speakers Taryn Rennicks, Executive Director of Community Health Centres of Northumberland (CHCN); Simeon Kanev, Privacy Professional with Alliance for Healthier Communities; and Dr. Erin Pepper, a primary-care physician with Northumberland Family Health Team.

Bringing a wide variety of expertise and experience, panelists will be providing an overview of what virtual care is as well as virtual care opportunities available in Northumberland County, exploring privacy and security practices as they relate to virtual care, and sharing the clinician experience in providing care virtually. Moderated by Bill Prawecki, a member of the [Patient and Family Advisory Committee \(PFAC\)](#) at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), this session will also see the unique patient perspective woven throughout with questions and conversation framed to speak to patients and caregivers.

Beginning in 2018, The Northumberland PACE talks have been hosted as free public education sessions on a broad range of health and wellness topics and have consistently drawn large groups of community members with a range of questions and perspectives. Like many other events, The Northumberland PACE Talk series adapted to a new, virtual format as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Future topics planned for 2021 include:

- End of life care options in Northumberland

- Advance care planning
- Maintaining our mental health in a global pandemic
- Lifestyle improvements in our control (sleep, physical exercise, etc.)

Lasting an hour in length, each PACE event consists of a 30-minute talk, a 20-minute question-and-answer period with the guest speaker(s) and a 10-minute moderator summary. Virtual PACE Talks will follow this same format.

Bring your questions, your suggestions, and your experience and join in what is expected to be another informative discussion.

**Pre-registration is required** and space is limited to the first 300 registered attendees. As this event is being hosted through Zoom, attendees will need a Zoom account, internet access, and should plan to login to the event 5 minutes prior to the start. Register for *Virtual Care* today at [www.pacetalks.com](http://www.pacetalks.com), where you'll also find video and highlights from many of the previous seasons' talks. For those unable to attend, efforts will be made to share a recording of this conversation following the event, technology permitting.

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**About Northumberland PACE** – A collaborative between community health-care providers and local residents interested in learning more and promoting health and wellness, PACE (which stands for Personalized Assessment and Change Education) is a TED Talks-inspired speakers' series typically hosted (on a rotating basis) at Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg and the Community Health Centres of Northumberland in Port Hope. Due to the physical distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event has moved to a virtual format, using Zoom. Northumberland Hills Hospital, the Northumberland Family Health Team, The Community Health Centres of Northumberland, internal medicine specialists IMCare, the NHH Foundation, as well as local patients and caregivers are all represented on the PACE planning table. Talks are held monthly at 5:30 PM, on the third Wednesday of the month. One hour in total, each talk consists of a 30-minute presentation followed by a 20-minute, interactive question and answer speaker/audience discussion and a short moderator summary to conclude. "Seats" are available free of charge, on a first-come, first reserved basis. Pre-registration is required. For information, please visit [www.pacetalks.com](http://www.pacetalks.com).

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