



## Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Named to Ottawa Health Team

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is part of Ottawa Health Team (OHT), the partnership announced today by Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Comprised of 53 organizations, OHT will plan and deliver healthcare in the region under the Ontario Health Team Model. An initial focus of OHT will be two groups: frail older adults at risk of losing their functional independence; and adults with moderate to complex mental-health and addiction issues. The Perley Rideau will participate in OHT's Frail Older Adults action team.

A recognized leader in the care of Veterans and frail seniors, and in best practices in long-term care, the Perley Rideau has a long and proud history of innovation. The latest example is the 2019 establishment of The Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care, which will identify, develop and share evidence-based care protocols and best practices.

To better serve the community and further improve quality of care, the Perley Rideau also partners with a range of organizations. One example is SAFE – Sub-Acute Care for the Frail Elderly: a two-year pilot project in collaboration with The Ottawa Hospital. SAFE is a 20-bed unit that cares for frail patients who no longer require acute care in hospital. In addition to improving quality of care and accelerating recovery, SAFE frees up hospital beds and has the potential to save millions of dollars annually.

### Quotes

“The Perley Rideau is committed to evolving continuously to better serve Veterans and residents, along with their families and the broader community. Innovation and collaboration have always been – and will continue to be – central to our identity and our operations. By creating new service models, innovations and partnerships, we continue to improve healthcare for seniors in the Ottawa region.”

**Akos Hoffer, Chief Executive Officer  
Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre**

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Veterans' Health Centre

Quick facts

- One of Ontario's largest and most innovative long-term care homes, the Perley Rideau occupies a 25-acre campus adjacent to The Ottawa Hospital. Along with 450 long-term care beds, the campus also includes 139 independent-living apartments (the Seniors' Village), and delivers a growing number of clinical, therapeutic and recreational services. The Perley Rideau has a staff of approximately 800 and a corps of 400 regular volunteers.
- In 2018, the Perley Rideau earned Accreditation Canada's top designation – Exemplary Status – following a comprehensive review.
- In 2019, the Perley Rideau announced plans to expand its Seniors' Village. Under the project, the Village will house approximately 200 additional people, who will enjoy ready access to the therapies, services and amenities needed to live as independently as their health allows.

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