

**A "W5" FACT SHEET ON:  
THE OTTAWA HOSPITAL MODEL OF NURSING CLINICAL PRACTICE  
RESEARCH PROJECT**

**WHAT :**

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) Open Grants competition has funded a 3-year longitudinal study to examine the impact of introducing The Ottawa Hospital Model of Clinical Nursing Practice (TOH MONCP). There are two parts to this project. The large main study involves separate nurse and patient questionnaires, while a more in-depth qualitative study will enrol a smaller number of nurses, physicians and multidisciplinary staff. The study will be conducted at three time points: just before model implementation; and at 12 and 24 months post implementation. To assess the impact of the model over time, participating staff will be revisited at each of the three time points.

**WHO:**

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**WHERE :**

Each new unit that implements TOH MONCP will be involved and the units that have already 'rolled out' will be captured at 12 and 24 months from their 'roll out' date.

**WHEN :**

As the units 'roll out' an introduction to the research study will be presented during the preparation meeting (phase 1 of the 'roll out'). The nursing questionnaires will then be distributed and returned via a drop box left on the unit. Patient questionnaires will be handed out at discharge and either completed in hospital or at home (and mailed back to the project).

**WHY :**

- Current databases have no documented longitudinal studies assessing the impact of implementing a model of care over a period of time (i.e. pre and post).
- A major organizational change such as this has the potential to have impact at several levels – i.e. individual (nurses, physicians, others), unit and organizational levels.
- We can provide evidence-based guidance to help improve work environments and nursing care in other health care facilities thinking of implementing similar changes in their settings.