# SouthWestern Academic Health Network (SWAHN): Academia and Community Working Together

Breaking Bread with SWAHN: Nutrition Research and Innovation Symposium

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#### **OUR VISION**

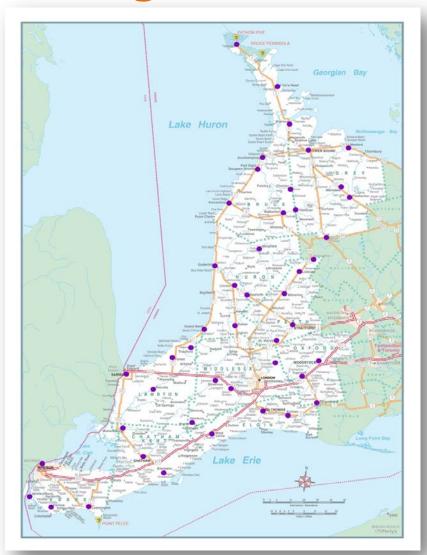
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Transforming health in Southwestern Ontario through integrated excellence in research, education and clinical practice.



### Southwestern Ontario Region

- General Population = 1,602,539
- 3 Community Colleges
- 3 Universities
- Myriad of Health Care Partners /Organizations
- 2 Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs)



#### WHY IS SWAHN UNIQUE?

- Population demographics
- Cultural diversity
- Rich array of health care settings
- Numerous educational and research programs and excellent educators and researchers
- Strong existing networks
- Continuum of rural, small city, and mid-size city centres
- Proximity to the United States





#### **GOALS OF SWAHN**

- Lead academic health service integration in Southwestern Ontario
- Educate health care professionals and researchers in a variety of settings and advance inter-professional education
- Enhance knowledge translation
- Engage in collaborative research to improve the quality of health care and develop innovative practices\technologies
- Lead in policy development



#### **SWAHN STEERING COMMITTEE**



































## STEERING COMMITTEE

# **Operations Committee**

Community Engagement Committee

Education Committee

Knowledge Generation & Translation Committee

Communications Committee

Working Groups:
Nutrition; survey of
networks;
community health
profile

Working Groups:
Simulation;
Palliative Care;
Inter-Professional
Education

Working Groups: Research Ethics Harmonization; Branding; website; ongoing communications advisory



#### **BREAKING BREAD WITH SWAHN**

#### A Nutrition Research & Innovation Symposium

#### **Objectives:**

- To increase knowledge about nutrition initiatives in the community and academia in Southwestern Ontario
- To facilitate research networking and collaborations between community and academia
- To increase research effectiveness and outcomes through partnerships between community and academia

#### **Overall Goal:**

To establish two health-outcome working groups consisting of community and academic collaborations



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