

Safety Tips for Gateway Community Health Centre Clients

As part of its commitment to patient safety, the Ontario Hospital Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, has recently launched a Patient Safety Tips Campaign that we have adopted for the Primary Care Setting.

Clients have an important role to play at each stage of their care and the five safety tips will serve to encourage them to be more involved in their health care.

Your Health Care - Be Involved!

The five Client Safety Tips adapted for the Primary Care Setting are:

- Be involved in your health care. Speak up if you have questions or concerns about your care.
- Tell your Physician and Nurse Practitioner about your past illnesses and your current health condition.
- Bring all of your medicines with you when you come to a medical appointment for a physical, prescription renewal or medication review, and after you have had medications changed by an external provider.
- Tell your Physician and Nurse Practitioner if you have ever had an allergic or bad reaction to any medicine or food.
- Make sure you know what to do when you go home from the hospital and contact your GCHC physician for a follow up appointment.

For more information on the Patient Safety Tips Program, please visit the Ontario Hospitals Association's web site: www.oha.com