

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



**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



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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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