

PRIMARY CARE ASTHMA PROGRAM (PCAP)

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ASTHMA PLAN OF ACTION

PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR ASTHMA CARE IN ONTARIO

PCAP is an evidence-based program designed to provide health care providers (HCPs) with decision aids to support best practice regarding asthma assessment, diagnosis and management. PCAP is delivered within a multi-disciplinary team of providers with the leadership of a Certified Asthma/Respiratory Educator (CAE/CRE). The program encourages and supports patient and family self-management.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM

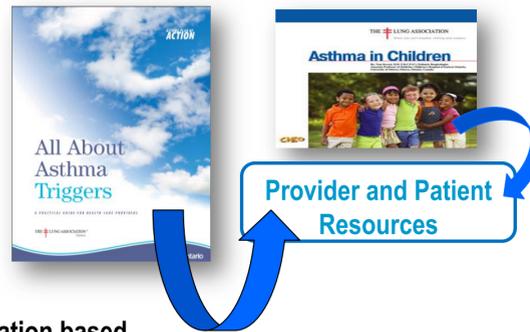
PCAP consists of 5 components:

- 1) program standards;
- 2) a treatment algorithm
- 3) an asthma care map;
- 4) an asthma action plan; and
- 5) core elements of asthma education based on Canadian Thoracic Society guidelines.

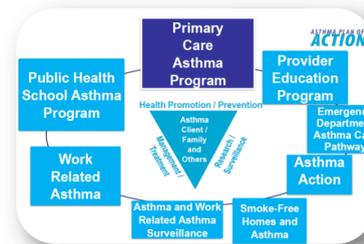
A comprehensive implementation process and continuous quality improvement approach has been adopted to maintain participating sites and to continue to expand PCAP to new sites provincially. PCAP works collaboratively with other Asthma Plan of Action programs and key stakeholders.

PROGRAM REACH

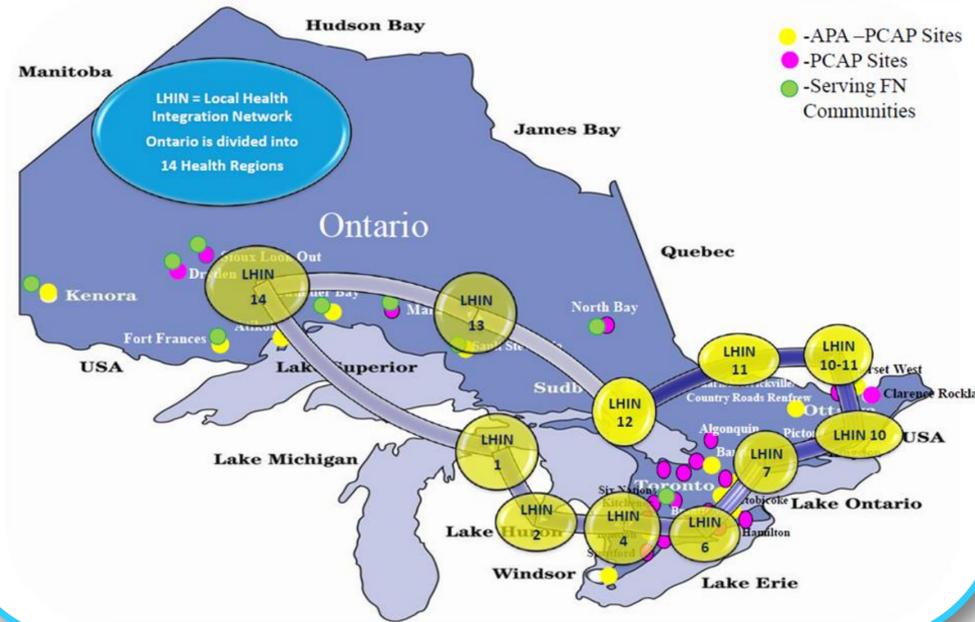
Currently PCAP has been implemented in primary care sites across Ontario, Canada. These sites span from rural, urban to aboriginal communities in various primary care models: Family Health Teams, Community Health Centres, Aboriginal Health Access Centres, and First Nations communities.



Provider and Patient Resources

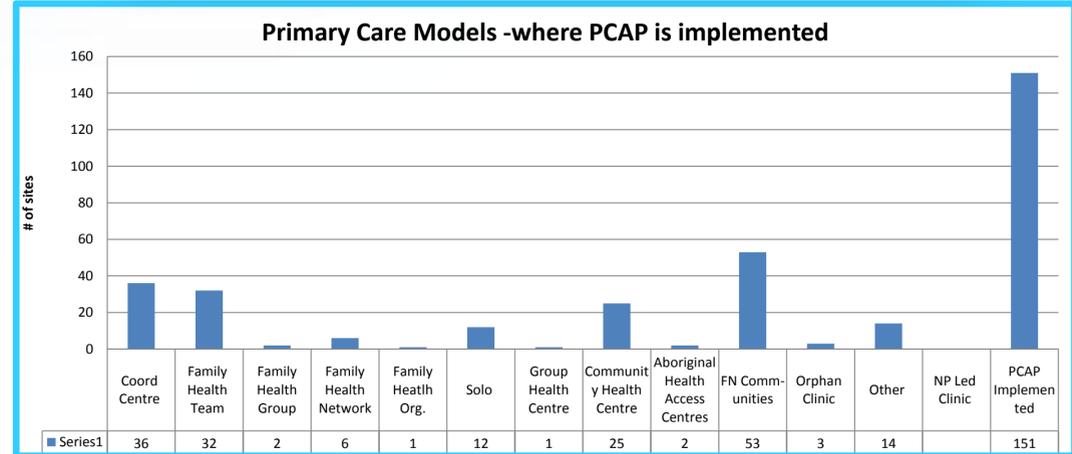
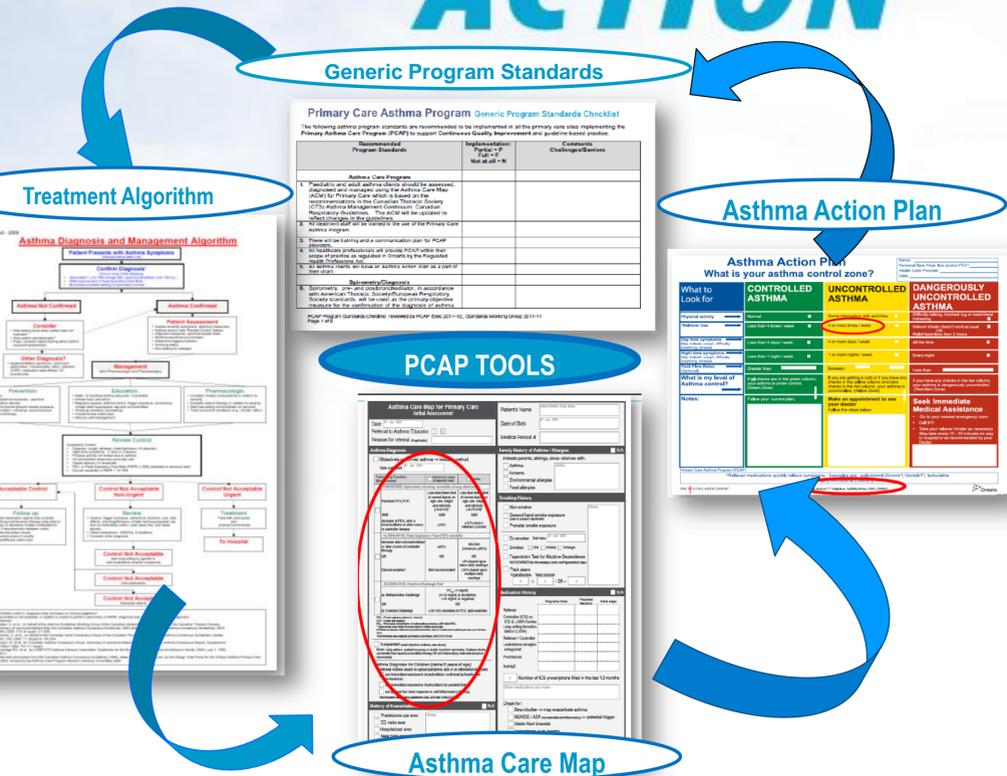


PCAP Sites



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- APA -PCAP Sites
- PCAP Sites
- Serving FN Communities



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