

## SCM Seminar

# Establishing a hospital based technology assessment unit



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#### Abstract :

The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) is a large academic hospital with an annual operating budget of about \$1.3 billion dollars servicing more than 1.2 million people across Eastern Ontario, Canada. Although it strives to provide each patient with world-class care and do so in a fiscally responsible way, evidence supporting the best means to these ends may be underutilized. As such, The Ottawa Hospital Technology Assessment Program (TOHTAP) was conceived as an evidence-based service to support decision makers and stakeholders in considering their options towards improving optimal patient care and reducing extraneous costs at the TOH. This talk provides a detailed description of the program.

The primary deliverables of TOHTAP are brief evidence reports ('rapid reviews') created with the intent of informing TOH decision makers in a timely manner. The evidence reports help support investment and disinvestment hospital decision making.

During the first year of the program, three rapid reviews have been produced on topics agreed upon by our TOH stakeholders. In this talk I will describe potential areas of interest, situate TOHTAP within the broader TOH decision making framework, provide an overview of TOHTAP's process for selecting priorities and producing reports, describe the content of an evidence report, and highlight some organizational challenges in developing a hospital-based technology assessment unit.

**\*\* All are welcome \*\***