

## Private cancer clinic accepting patients

Just when you thought the private healthcare debate was dying, a new privately owned cancer clinic comes on the scene. Medicor Cancer Centres, owned by husband-and-wife team Dr. Akbar and Dr. Humaira Khan, opened its doors in Toronto last month and is accepting patients. While it won't provide chemotherapy, radiation or surgery—in other words, medically necessary services—the clinic does offer holistic services that address the other areas of a patient's life affected by the disease. Some of those services are covered by Ontario's health insurance plan, but others are not.

"We've spent countless hours developing unique and innovative methods of raising quality of care to the level that our patients deserve," says Dr. Khan. "Some of the services we plan on providing our patients include education about cancer, expert pain-and-symptom management, physical rehabilitation, 24-hour physician access, complementary care advice and therapies, prescribing and adjustment of medications and dietary advice."

Patients can expect to pay at least \$2,500 to become clients. Along with personalized care plans, patients receive handheld computers—called portable electronic health records (PEHRs)—that contain their complete medical history, such as medications, allergies and test results. The clinic also has a proprietary, electronic record-keeping system that captures all aspects of a patient's care. The Khans developed the software with an IT vendor.

The Ontario government says it will keep a close eye on Medicor to ensure that it follows the Canada Health Act. —N.K.

### Award Winners



Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman (left) congratulates Solutions—East Toronto's Health Collaborative on winning an award for its community referrals by EMS project.

Five Ontario healthcare organizations walked away winners at the first-ever Innovations in Health Care Awards, sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The awards honoured recent and innovative projects that advance patient care. Of 600 entrants, the winners were: Solutions—East Toronto's Health Collaborative for Meeting Community Needs Through Integrated Care; Princess Margaret Hospital for Improving Efficiency Through Process Redesign; Trillium Health Centre for Improving Quality and Patient Safety; University of Waterloo and Homewood Research Institute for Innovations in Health Information Management; and Cancer Care Ontario for Innovations in Health Human Resources.

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