



**HCARDD: Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities,
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Government officials, scientists, and a range of community and health care stakeholders throughout the province are collaborating on the HCARDD (Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities) project to improve the health and well-being of people with developmental disabilities (DD). Currently, we lack an understanding of the basic health needs and the types and quality of healthcare services that people with developmental disabilities are receiving in Ontario. HCARDD is aiming to address this need by linking several datasets from health and social service sources. Once the data are linked the project will provide an overall snapshot of health care services accessed and patterns of usage for adults with DD. The findings will then be able to assist government decision makers responsible for the policy and planning of individuals with DD and will be of interest to health providers, developmental service providers, people with disabilities and their families in Ontario. In this presentation we will provide an overview of the project and discuss its relationship and relevance to the Canadian Consensus Guidelines for the primary care of adults with developmental disabilities.

