



Collaborator

DEFINITION The Collaborator is a Respiratory Therapist who participates in and promotes interprofessional collaboration. They highly value the contributions of other professionals. The successfully seek input from and work side by side with others to provide the best care to patients.

DESCRIPTION Patient-centred care is a collaborative partnership between you, the patients you care for and their families, as well as all other members of the health care team. Effective collaboration requires a fundamental understanding of, and respect for, the essential role of each member of the health care team.

EXAMPLES OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Rather than having a lunch and learn within your own department, extend an invitation to have speakers/ attendees come from other departments.
- Arrange for student RTs to spend as much time with other health disciplines as possible.
- Seek opportunities to actively participate in inter-disciplinary rounds, committees, etc.

COLLABORATOR RESOURCES

A Collaborator promotes and practices Interprofessional Collaboration (IPC)

- [HealthForceOntario \(HFO\)](#)
- [Canadian Interprofessional Healthcare Collaborative \(CIHC\)](#)
- Lingard, L., Espin, S., Evans, C., & Hawryluck, L. (2004). [The rules of the game: interprofessional collaboration on the intensive care unit team](#). *Critical Care*, 8, 403-408. doi : 10.1186/cc2958.



...advocates for patient/client centered care that includes the patient/client, their family and caregivers on the team.

- The Change Foundation – [Patient-Centred Care: An Introduction](#)
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) - [Quality Improvement in Primary Care: Supporting implementation of Quality Improvement Plans](#)
- [Health Quality Ontario](#)
- Ottawa Hospital Research Institute – [Patient Decision Aids](#)

...seeks input from others, reflects on their own role and scope of practice on the health care team.

- Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) – [Interprofessional Collaboration Report, Phase II, Part I.](#)
- CRTO Position Statement - [Scope of Practice and Maintenance of Competency](#)

...learns from, with and about others, and exercises integrity, practises autonomously and as part of a team in the interest of the people they serve

- CRTO Optimizing Respiratory Therapy Services: A Continuum of Care from Hospital to Home
[Final Report Executive Summary](#)
[A Training Manual for Paediatrics & Adults](#)
- St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto – [A Roadmap to Co-creating Interprofessional Models of Care](#)
- The College of Family Physicians of Canada – [Primary Care Toolkit for Family Physicians: Interdisciplinary Collaboration](#)
- [Canadian Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Community of Practice](#)
- Ontario Health Promotion e-bulletin - [Sharing Practice-Based Knowledge - A Documentation of Regionally Organized Communities of Practice.](#)

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