

# Ontario Health Coalition

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Media Conference with International Expert Condemning Niagara Hospital Closures

(Toronto, ON) - The Ontario Health Coalition will be hosting a media conference with an international health policy expert with decades of experience analyzing global health policy reform who has conducted a full review of the plans to close five community hospitals in Niagara. At the press conference, Dr. John Lister will be presenting his findings about the flimsy evidence, failure to act to protect patient safety, poor public consultation practices and the consequences of closing five hospitals that serve a population of approximately 300,000 people in Niagara.

**What:** Media conference with International Expert Condemning Niagara Hospital Closures.

**When:** Thursday April 2, 2015, 9:45 a.m.

**Where:** Queen's Park Media Studio, Main Legislative Building, 111 Wellesley St. W., Toronto ON

**Who:** Dr. John Lister, International Health Policy Expert (via skype)

Dr. Lister will be joined by Natalie Mehra, executive director, Ontario Health Coalition; Cindy Forster, MPP Welland; Sue Hotte, chair, Niagara Health Coalition and Save the Welland Hospital Campaign; France Gelinias, NDP Health Critic.

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