## Mississauga Medical Arts

We are a community based primary care clinic in Mississauga. We are proud to be helping our community throughout the pandemic.

Our group of clinicians started vaccinating in January 2020 in Long-term care homes working with the Region of Peel. As vaccines became available our group was chosen to be one of the first pilot sites in the province to be giving vaccines in a primary care setting. We started with AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine on Friday March 12, 2021. We became efficient in the use of CovaxON for documentation of the doses as well.

As more vaccines became available, we started to vaccinate with Moderna and eventually Pfizer in our community based medical clinic. In addition, our clinicians also supported the vaccine effort by vaccinating at the Mass Vaccine sites in the Region. Some of the mass sites that our group helped at included:

Paramount - Mississauga
Save-Max - Brampton
7120 Hurontario- Mississauga
10 Peel Central Drive - Brampton
Chris Gibson - Brampton
Embassy Grand - Brampton
International Centre - Mississauga
Bruce Power - Brampton

As the pandemic continued to evolve our group supported vaccination efforts in mobile clinics including multiple places of worship and schools throughout the region. Recently, our group went to a correctional facility and women's shelter to provide covid-19 vaccines to the most vulnerable.

Our group of clinicians also continued to provide in-person care to their family practice patients in our other primary care sites.

Our group realized there was a need to provide in-person care to those with Covid symptoms, as patients needed a place to be seen in the community and tested for Covid. In October 2021, we established the first Covid, Cold and Flu Care Clinic and opened 7 days per week to take care of patients with Covid symptoms.

As Covid therapeutics have evolved, our site has been chosen to be the first community based assessment centre to provide oral treatments to Covid-19 patients at highest risk

of hospitalization. We have also connected patients to intravenous treatments for prevention of severe illness. Our model of care is to continue to promote emergency room avoidance and decrease the burden of illness in the hospital.

Our team consists of physicians, nurses, clinical pharmacists and medical office administrators working together for the patients in our community. We strive to provide access to all patients.

Our partners include Ontario Health and our local Family Health teams including Summerville Family Health Team, Credit Valley Health Team and CarePoint Health. In addition, support has been provided by the Mississauga Ontario Health Team, Trillium Health Partners, and a community based lab called AlphaLabs.

Our story is one of collaboration and we will continue to provide medical care to those patients at highest risk. We work with our colleagues to promote health and our goal is to augment the care provided in their primary care offices.

Thank you for giving our team the opportunity to take care of our community during this difficult time.

The Covid Cold and Flu Care Clinic team at Mississauga Medical Arts