

Approaches to Accountability

Local Governments and Homes for the Aged, Provincial Governments and Laboratory Services

- In Laboratories, issue is standardization; they are highly regulated but some are voluntary, need to look at small laboratories in MD's offices
- In Laboratories, issue is accreditation. Labs in Ontario are highly regulated and must undergo mandatory accreditation by the Ontario Laboratory Accreditation (OLA). The exception is small laboratories that operate out of MD's offices.
- Hospitals still need core laboratories, however some of the microbiology and pathology may be centralized
- Ontario's Quality Assurance Program is being adopted by other provinces
- Long Term Care is highly regulated, but with increased accountability, there are decreased resources to do it, and it is inconsistent
- Inspections works if random
- Teams increase accountability, so homecare and primary care solo practices present a problem for accountability
- The structure of an organization gives you something to rely on