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Over the next three months, a group of leaders and providers from the health care system will develop a regional cancer plan for the Erie St. Clair LHIN. This plan will span the continuum of care from prevention to palliative care and end of life, highlighting priorities for improvement and action from 2007/08-2009/10. It will be essential to align this plan with the IHSP for the ESC LHIN and the Ontario Cancer Plan.

As the regional cancer plan is created, it will be recognized that cancer is a chronic disease where earlier diagnosis and improved treatment lead to better outcomes and increased survival overall. Many individuals now live 20 years or more managing a diagnosis of cancer. Given that cancer is linked to ageing, we can expect a growing incidence of cancer in line with an ageing population for the LHIN and population growth in Essex County. Other important risk factor analysis, surveillance, and service utilization data will be considered in shaping the priorities for change.

Within the Erie St. Clair LHIN, two regional cancer centres serve its residents Windsor Regional Cancer Centre and London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP). Many of the residents of the Sarnia-Lambton area use LRCP as do a significant portion of the residents of Chatham-Kent. The regional cancer plan for the ESC LHIN must identify strategies for collaboration and partnership with providers and organizations from the Southwest LHIN, including the Regional Cancer Services Alliance and LRCP. Such inter-LHIN collaboration will maximize opportunities for innovation and improvement that will benefit the cancer systems in both regions resulting in the best possible care being available to residents from both LHINs regardless where they live.

During the Erie St. Clair regional cancer planning process, care will be taken to ensure the action goals set along the cancer continuum will reflect the clinical priorities identified by Cancer Care Ontario. For example, development of a colorectal cancer screening program, increased participation in breast and cervical screening, Diagnostic Assessment Unit standards, multidisciplinary cancer conferences, clinical practice guidelines, strategies to decrease wait times to cancer treatment and collaborative palliative care planning.

The target date for the Windsor Regional Cancer Center completion of the regional cancer plan is December 2006. Attached to this appendix is the London Regional Cancer Centre preliminary plan.