

NHS Lung Diagnostic Assessment Program (LDAP)

The NHS Lung Diagnostic Assessment Program (LDAP) started seeing patients on September 7, 2010, in the Outpatient Oncology Unit at the St. Catharines General Site.

The NHS LDAP is a partnership between the Niagara Health System, Juravinski Cancer Centre and St. Josephs' Healthcare Hamilton. The LDAP is an assessment clinic for patients who are suspected of having lung cancer. The goal of the program is to reduce wait times for diagnosis, to streamline diagnostic testing guided by an evidence-based diagnostic pathway, and to improve the patient experience and treatment outcomes. The program has had great success in achieving this goal and continues to work towards creating the best possible outcomes for our patients.

Key to the LDAP is the position of the Nurse Navigator whose primary function is to assess and triage patients, provide information and emotional support, fast track diagnostic tests and be the primary contact for the patient and family during diagnostic phase. The Nurse Navigator facilitates referrals to the most appropriate specialist so that a diagnosis and treatment plan can be developed as quickly as possible. The Nurse Navigator also serves as a liaison among referring physicians and specialists.

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