



Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Consultation Program Northeastern Ontario



Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Consultation (PPSMC)



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AT A GLANCE

Our Mandate

- Consultation
- Coordination
- Education and Skill Development
- Research and Evaluation
- Collaboration and Facilitation

What this looks like

- Building capacity of individual providers empowers them as change agents for palliative care throughout their career
- Supporting Broader Areas of System Improvement (OPCN HSDF)- local, organizational, regional and provincial committees for policy development
- Formal and informal education and mentorship of Health Care Providers and Community members



"" For a little over 3 years I have been working as a hospice RN and in that time I have had the pleasure and privilege to learn from our PPSMC through the PPSMC program. I have taken Fundamentals, CAPCE, and EPM/APM and they have had a profound impact on the care I am able to provide. This program has helped me build a strong foundation of knowledge as well as learn practical approaches that I have been able to integrate into my practice... The PPSMC is creative and adaptable with her lessons and leads thoughtful discussions that enable her students to fully understand the content and apply it to the settings in which we work...."Hospice RN 2023-2024

WHAT WE DO

Ontario's Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Consultants (PPSMCs) are nurses with advanced palliative care knowledge and expertise who educate and advise service providers on the best practices in palliative care.

PPSMCs provide mentorship, share palliative care best practices, connect providers to available resources, consult on specific cases or provide general or case-based palliative care education.

We support excellence in education based on the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association's (CHPCA) Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care.

This program is fully funded by Ontario Health.

PPSMC CONSULTATION SERVICES

Eligibility

- PPSMCs can be referred to see anyone with a progressive, incurable illness who is experiencing symptoms that are currently not well-controlled by their CORE team

What to expect

- Appointments are arranged either in person, by telephone, or virtually
- During the appointment, we will often review your/the patient's symptom history, advanced care planning, and get to know you/them as a person, including your/their goals.
- We may do joint visits with another member of the health care team.
- Following the appointment, we will collaborate with your health care team to best address symptom management and quality of life concerns