

PALCARE:

IMPROVING the delivery of

PALLIATIVE CARE in York Region

A demonstration project to improve the Primary Health Care Systems Delivery of Effective Palliative Care in York Region

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE

- Increase the Primary Health Care System's capacity to deliver quality home based palliative care
- Enhance the primary care physician's delivery of palliative care
- Ensure patient and family access to interdisciplinary palliative care
- Improve the management of distressing pain and other symptoms experienced by palliative patients
- Reduce the need for emergent care
- Enable palliative care in the home
- Support home death as a choice
- Improve the quality of life for individuals, and their families living with a terminal illness in York Region

WHAT WE DO

- Provide a specialist interdisciplinary palliative care consultation team
- Provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week expert palliative care consultation for primary care physicians and other health care providers in York Region
- Provide a network of primary care physicians skilled in palliative care to accept terminally ill patients who have no family physician
- Deliver education and mentorship programs on palliative care issues to primary care workers
- Link primary care providers with interdisciplinary specialist palliative care providers through the support of the York Region Community Care Access Centre

HOW WE CAN HELP

If you are a physician or health care provider working in a palliative care setting, our team can provide you with expert palliative care advice and support when you need it.

**For more information,
please call:
(905) 895-4623
or toll free at
1-877-870-7246**



Palliative Care ... It's all about living

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OUR TEAM



Dr. Brian Berger, MD, CCFP, ABHPM is the Chief of Continuing Care, Palliative Care and Rehabilitation for York Central Hospital. Dr. Berger has extensive involvement with regional hospices and brings over 15 years in palliative care experience.



Carol Ford, RN, BScN, CON(C), CHPCN(C) is the Clinical Programs Coordinator for PalCare Network. Carol has nursing certifications in both oncology and palliative care as well as over 15 years in palliative care working experience.



Dr. Eileen Lougheed, MD, CCFP, ABHPM, FCFP is the Medical Director for the Palliative Care Unit at Markham Stouffville Hospital and the Medical Director for The Woodhaven, Complex Long Term Care facility. Dr. Lougheed is involved with the hospital Pain Management and Ethics Committees, and has over 15 years in palliative care experience.



Dr. Vincent Maida, B.Sc., MD, CCFP, ABHPM is the Chief of Palliative Medicine at the William Osler Health Care Centre. Dr. Maida is a lecturer at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, has received many awards for his contributions to palliative care in Canada, and brings over 15 years of palliative care experience to the team.



Dr. Nancy Merrow MD, FCFP, ABHPM is the Chief of Staff for Southlake Regional Health Centre. Dr. Merrow is also the Team Physician, Pain & Symptom Consultation Team for PalCare Network and brings over 15 years of palliative care experience to the team.



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cannot
influence
the quantity of
survival...
then it is
the quality that
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