

A TEAM APPROACH TO GERIATRIC CARE

Provost Primary Care Network

By implementing our PCN team approach Provost has been successful in reducing extended Long Term Care admissions by assisting our geriatric population to age in place. With a comprehensive and cohesive frame work our team works to ensure the best possible care is in place for our elderly population

Geriatric Assessments

Geriatric Assessments help meet the needs of our elderly patients through providing specialized assessments and supports for seniors who have chronic, complex issues. A clinic is offered the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Provost Medical Clinic. The goal of the clinic is to ensure that seniors enjoy optimal health and quality of life while remaining in the community for as long as possible.

Referrals are accepted for the following conditions:

Cognitive/Behavioural Decline

Decreased Function not related to specific medical conditions

Falls, mobility issues

Incontinence

Review of Medications

Capacity Assessment

A Registered Nurse will meet with the patient and their family at the patient's residence prior to the consultation with the physician to complete at home assessments; Dr.Anderson will then meet with the patient and their family member at the clinic for further assessments. Based on these visits Dr.Anderson will then make recommendations to your primary care physician who is in charge of your care.

Family Care Conferences

Family care conferences are a valuable tool we use to ensure that the needs of our patients and their families are being adequately addressed. The physician, pharmacist, rehab, homecare case coordinator and the patient along with their family members meet to discuss a plan of care which is agreeable to the patient. Family conferences are scheduled on an as needed basis and can occur at the clinic, hospital, or lodge.



Long Term Care Reviews

As needed Dr.Erasmus and our other physicians will make visits to residents at Provost Long Term Care. Routine Care Review Conferences are scheduled for each resident where goals of care are discussed with LTC staff & management, pharmacy, rehab, recreation, dietary as well as the resident and their family members.

Community Partners

Each month Dr. Erasmus along with representatives from Homecare, Rehab, Mental Health, Pharmacy and Hillcrest Lodge meet to address the health needs of lodge patients.

From these meetings referrals can be made instantaneously, medications can be added or changed and changes to care plans can be implemented.

Homecare Case Review

These meetings are held monthly at the medical clinic to discuss patients who reside within the community. Dr.Erasmus, Homecare, Pharmacy and Rehab meet to ensure that the care needs of patients in the community are being met through a variety of disciplines.

Medication Reviews

Medication reviews are an important part of our geriatric care. Med reviews are scheduled annually and are completed with the collaboration of our patients, pharmacy and physicians

Home Visits

As needed Dr.Erasmus and our other physicians will make home visits to residents at Hillcrest Lodge and Crestwood Place Manor.

These visits are typically completed with homecare and/or pharmacy in attendance so any orders can be implemented immediately. These visits ensure that patients who need to be seen are assessed in a timely manner and it also cuts down on repeat office/non-urgent emergency room visits.