

Dementia Behaviour Assessment Team and Unit (Eastview)

Introduction

The Ministry of Health has provided funding to create two specialty dementia programs – one in Regina to provide service to the southern portion of the province, and one in Saskatoon to provide service for central and northern areas. The northern program is comprised of an Outreach Team and an inpatient unit located at Parkridge Centre. The expectations of the northern health regions will be to partner and collaborate with the Outreach Team to ensure resident focused care that follows these key parameters:

- short stay (up to 90 days);
- not a permanent placement; must maintain their current living environment;
- not an emergency/crisis service; and
- Regional resources exhausted prior to referral.

Dementia Assessment Outreach Team

The Dementia Assessment Outreach Team provides support to individuals with a primary diagnosis of dementia who are experiencing responsive behaviours, which are not being managed in their current living environment. The service area includes the Saskatoon Health Region and the seven northern health regions in Saskatchewan. The Outreach Team will provide interdisciplinary assessment and recommendations, with the goal of stabilizing responsive behaviours in the client's current environment. The Outreach team provides access to social work, psychology, occupational therapy, geriatric psychiatry and pharmacy.



Dementia Assessment Neighbourhood (Eastview)

The Dementia Assessment Neighbourhood (Eastview) is a five bed transition unit located at Parkridge Centre in Saskatoon. Services include: assessment, observation, care, and treatment planning, for up to 90 days. **In order to access the unit a referral must first be made to and approved by the Outreach Team.** While on Eastview service assessments will be provided by: OT, social work, psychology, geriatric psychiatry, physician, pharmacy, recreation therapy, and nursing/care staff.

Referral Criteria

- Primary diagnosis of age-related degenerative dementia with responsive behaviours
- Medically stable
- Require enhanced behavioural support in their current care environment
- Exclusionary Criteria: delirium and primary diagnosis of Acquired Brain Injury

To make a referral

- Referrals may be generated from the community, acute care, or long-term care
- Any healthcare provider may complete the referral form
- Physician or Nurse Practitioner must be involved and may be asked to complete portions of the accompanying documentation
- Referral Form is available online at:
https://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/locations_services/Services/Senior-Health/Pages/Home.aspx

Accompanying Documentation (available online)

- 7-Day Direct Observation System (DOS)
- Medication Administration record (MAR) and PRN med sheet
- Blood work (< 3 months) including CBC, Renal and Liver panel, TSH, B12, HgA1c, Blood glucose, Calcium, Urinalysis, Urine C&S
- Most recent MDS report including Outcome Scales and CAP reports (if available)