

Community Geriatric Nursing Services (CGNS)



Seniors

Overview

Community Care Durham's Community Geriatric Nurses deliver rapid front-line interventions to older adults living with complex and chronic health conditions including frailty, as part of a proof of concept project developed by the Durham Ontario Health Team, in partnership with older adult/caregiver representatives and other health care providers.

Benefits of CGNS

Through the support of the CGNSs, clients living in the community and care providers will have access to clinical experts who are able to make timely interventions that could prevent:

- Loss of independence;
- Emergency Department visits;
- Avoidable hospital admissions;
- A premature move to a long-term care setting for an older adult.

Cost

There is no fee for CGNS services.

Where are CGNS services provided?

CCD's CGNS services are available across Durham Region and are offered in a senior's own home through in-person visits, virtual and telephone consultations.

CGNS nurses are linked to other resources including Primary Care, Geriatric Assessment & Intervention Network (GAIN), Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS), Primary Care Collaborative Memory Clinics/MINT (Multispecialty Interprofessional Team) Memory Clinic, Community Support Services (CSS) as well as other health and social services.

Who are the partners in the CGNS project?

Initial project services and partners include:

- Alzheimer Society of Durham Region – Young Onset Adult Day Programs
- Community Care Durham – Adult Day Programs, Assisted Living and Supportive Housing
- Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage – Adult Day Program
- March of Dimes – Assisted Living Services
- Oshawa Senior Community Centres – Adult Day Programs
- Victorian Order of Nurses – Assisted Living and Supportive Housing Services
- Regional Municipality of Durham – Adult Day Programs

How Can I Obtain CGNS services?

Clients are referred by frontline Personal Support Worker and Recreation staff at Oshawa area Adult Day Programs, Supportive Housing and staff providing Assisted Living Services. (Self-referrals are not available in the current process)

Contact

If you would like to receive more information about CCD services, please call us at 1-888-255-6680 or contact a Community Care Durham office nearest you.

Related Services

communitycaredurham.on.ca/services/personal-support-caregiver-relief/

communitycaredurham.on.ca/long-term-care-emergency-avoidance-program-leap/