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DEMENTIA SPECIALTY TEAM

WHAT IS THE DEMENTIA SPECIALTY TEAM?

The Dementia Specialty Team (DST) is a multidisciplinary resource for the province to support persons living with dementia (PLWD) and their Care Partners.

The DST is housed within the Provincial Geriatric Program, and currently consists of a Geriatrician, OT Lead, and PT Lead.

Providing a consultative service, the DST promotes evidence-based best practices in dementia care and associated resources to healthcare providers, healthcare and community programs, and other stakeholders to ensure PLWD have the best quality of life possible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CONSULTATIONS

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Resident of PEI with a valid PEI Health Card (or in the process of obtaining a PEI Health Card).
- Diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or dementia.
- Impaired functioning secondary to behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia which cannot be met by existing resources (i.e. frequent searching/exploring/getting lost, physical and verbal expressions of risk, sexual expressions of risk/or potential risk, agitation, anxiety, etc.), whose needs cannot be met by another service.
- Referred by a Physician or Nurse Practitioner with responsibility for care coordination.

EXCLUSION:

- Clients experiencing acute medical issues will be excluded until acute issues are resolved.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE DST PROVIDE?

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- Mobile Behavioural Support Outreach - complex behavioural support assessments and behavioural support care planning for clients in Community, Acute Care, and Long-Term Care.
- Virtual behavioural consultations between the DST team and other healthcare providers (collaborate with Virtual Care Program within Home-Based Care).
- Transitional supports for complex discharge planning.
- Create a plan of care with the individual, family care partners and clinical team regarding implementation of recommendations.
- Contribute to development and implementation of Dementia Care Pathway.
- Other referral requests to be considered on a case-by-case basis by the program manager.
- Recommendations and implementation of programs aimed at reducing risk for PLWD.
- Education to health care providers re: psychosocial, environmental and relational approaches/strategies that address contributing factors of BPSD.

HOW TO SEND A REFERRAL

Requests for consultation will be triaged through the Provincial Geriatric Program via the existing referral process.
Referrals may be completed by a practitioner who has deemed intervention necessary.

*Requests for education, presentations or knowledge sharing will be made through the Provincial Geriatric Program office at 902-432-2860 or via email at geriatricinfo@ihis.org.
Incoming requests will be managed by the admin attached to the Dementia Specialty Team.

Contact the Provincial Geriatric Program for more information about the Dementia Specialty Team