

# Palliative Care Application for Registration Process and Symptom Management Resources



All palliative care forms, info and handouts available on the J drive, in the "Palliative Care" folder

**Evaluate if the patient meets palliative program criteria:**

WRHA

- diagnosis of life-limiting illness
- estimated prognosis less than or equal to 6 months
- "do not attempt resuscitation" status established
- not undergoing or planning a course of treatment with expectations of monitoring for and intervening for complications

Rural RHA

- contact individual RHA to obtain details on eligibility criteria

**\*\* Note: Application is sent to RHA where municipal taxes are paid or the region where the first nations reserve is geographically located**

**Are there symptom management issues?**

The following resources are available **for any terminally ill patient** (palliative care program registration is NOT required)

**Complete Palliative Care Program Application for Registration**

\*\*Completing application does not mean that patient is accepted on palliative care program. Applications are reviewed prior to acceptance.

- Requires physician/NP signature
- Incomplete application will result in delays in processing
- Ensure patient/family aware of application
- Discuss advance care planning - Health Care Directive
- In the WRHA the patient and health care team will be notified **if accepted or rejected**. Contact rural programs directly to determine application status.

**Ensure Primary Care Provider Aware of Transition to Palliative Care**

- Communicate that palliative application has been completed and include other relevant info

**Consider Psychosocial Needs**

- Assess current services, initiate referral or notify current clinician of palliative application

**Provide Compassionate Care Benefit Information**

- Provide the following:
  - Information on program
  - Authorization to Release a Medical Certificate
  - Medical Certificate for EI Compassionate Care Benefits

**Consider CCMB Resources**

- 1) CCMB Pain & Symptom physician on call (Monday-Friday, regular work hours)
- 2) Referral to CCMB Pain & Symptom Clinic
- 3) Access CCMB Clinical Nurse Specialist, Transition & Palliative Care: 204-235-3363
- 4) Referral to CCMB Psychosocial Oncology
- 5) Access Patient Access Coordinator, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Cancer Control at 1-855-881-4395
- 6) Consider rural/regional resources and Navigation Services

**Consider Palliative Care Resources**

- A Physician from anywhere in the province may contact the Palliative Care Physician on call (available 24/7) through StB Paging at 204-237-2053.
- Rural palliative care resources vary. All regions have palliative care coordinators who can be contacted

**Consider Referral to Home Care**

Request a palliative care community nurse  
**\*\*If palliative care application accepted, home care will be involved automatically**

**Complete Manitoba Palliative Care Drug Access Program (PCDAP) Application**

- Cannot be on Home Cancer Drug Program and PCDAP simultaneously
- Requires patient signature
- Requires physician signature
- **Fax to Palliative Care Program with program application form**
- If treaty status: ineligible for PCDAP, access Non-insured Health Benefits

**Provide Information to Patient/Family**

- Canadian Virtual Hospice and Hospice Palliative Care Manitoba pamphlets
- Relevant info about symptoms (see J drive »Palliative Care »Patient-Family Resources)
- *If from Winnipeg* - WRHA Palliative Care Program pamphlet
- *If rural* - Rural Cancer Navigation pamphlet and RHA Palliative Care Program contact information (name and phone number of palliative care coordinator)
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cancer Control – Tel. 1-855-881-4395

**Palliative Care Program Information**

If questions, call the palliative care program directly. WRHA palliative care program inquiries can be directed to 204-237-2400. Rural contact info see J drive..

**CCMB Resources Contact Information**

If questions, call CCMB CNS -Transition & Palliative Care at: Tel. 204-235-3363 Pager 204-931-3061 or the CCMB Pain & Symptom Physician on call