

HOSPICE MIRAMICHI DAY HOSPICE PROGRAM

The Day Hospice Program, provides onsite safe, supportive care and respite to individuals and their families who are living with the effects of a progressive life limiting illness. This service is provided to individuals residing in Northumberland County at no cost to the participant.

Referral Process

Referrals to the Day Hospice Program can be initiated by the client, family, EMP or family physician. Upon receipt of the completed referral form a visit is scheduled for an assessment. Referrals can be mailed to Hospice Miramichi at 14 Howard St, by phone at (506)773-7607, or by fax at (506)773-7613 (faxes are delivered to a secure email.)

Hospice Miramichi has sole discretion on admissions to and discharges from the Day Hospice Program.

Referral Criteria (based on client/ family need not on specific time frames)

- Possess a valid New Brunswick Medicare card and have a family doctor who they have seen within the past 3 months.
- Are residents of Northumberland County
- Diagnosis of a potentially progressive life-threatening illness including organ failure (congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, kidney disease); Neuromuscular and Neurodegenerative disorders (Stroke, Parkinson's), MS, ALS, Huntington's, AIDS as well as those who have been diagnosed with cancer. These individuals may still be receiving palliative chemotherapy and or radiation therapy.
- Established plan for resuscitation in place. For those who wish to be resuscitated in the event of a cardiac incident resulting in death, an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is on site and staff have been trained in its use.
- Those receiving 24 hour oxygen therapy at home will be accepted into the program however there is a limited number of concentrators available so acceptance will be on a first come first serve basis. Participants will be required to bring their own tubing, mask or cannula and present an order from a physician or RT indicating the litre flow and method of administration i.e. via nasal cannula or mask.
- If necessary, participants will be required to bring their medications with them. The medications must be in the original container or sealed in a single dose

clearly labelled package. Dosage information including reason for the medication, dose and schedule must be neatly documented and included with the medication. This information will be kept on file and medication will be locked in medication cupboard. The participant is responsible for taking their own medications, however prompting from staff is acceptable.

- For those individuals who are a patient in hospital, a copy of a Leave of Absence form as per Horizon Health must be signed by the Physician and sent with the individual.
- As snacks and lunches will be provided, participants or staff must notify Hospice in advance if there are any dietary concerns, food allergies or swallowing difficulties present. Hospice should also be notified if the individual requires dietary aids including adaptive dishes and or utensils.
- Hospice Miramichi will need to be informed if the participant has concerns with hearing, vision or speech.
- Client must agree to the assessment.

Program Restrictions

- Advanced forms of Dementia displaying wandering, or aggressive behavior.
- Individuals who are unable to receive oxygen via a portable oxygen concentrator.
- Incontinence of bowel and/or bladder.
- Nursing Home residents or those living in long term care facilities.
- Volunteer availability