



Admission Guidelines

Hospice Admission Guidelines

1. Ontario Health atHome, Care Coordinator should be involved with the resident to determine eligibility for residential hospice care.
2. Chatham-Kent Hospice will review all resident applications for admission and determine the ability to safely meet the care needs of each potential resident prior to accepting them onto the admission waitlist or admitting.
3. The resident is eligible for admission regardless of gender, age, race, religion or sexual orientation.
4. Residents who live in a Long-Term Care setting will receive palliative care in their current surroundings at the end of life and are therefore not eligible for admission to residential hospice care.
5. The resident must be living with a life-threatening illness and have an expected prognosis of less than three months.
6. Goals of care have been established that reflect symptom management at end of life, rather than curative care. These must be understood and accepted by the resident and their Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) prior to admission. Symptomatic, psychosocial and spiritual distress will be addressed but no resuscitative measures will be initiated. Treatment of acute complications may still be undertaken for symptom management.
7. All residents will have a Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) designated automatically in accordance with the hierarchy found in the Health Care Consent Act or through a legally appointed Power of Attorney for Personal Care.
8. All residents or their SDM when applicable will agree to and sign the Chatham-Kent Hospice Resident Care Agreement.
9. The resident will have access to care services for consultation and treatment in accordance with their care plan needs, managed as if the resident were in their own home. This includes:
 - Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy
 - Volunteer Support and Services
 - Social Work Services
 - Pharmacy Services

***Eligibility criteria includes:**

- Valid OHIP number
- Palliative Performance Scale (PPS) - 40% or less
- Name of funeral home selected by resident/family
- Expected prognosis less than three months
- Does not require a secure unit or physical restraints