

GPs Needed for Community Palliative Patients

Who Require Urgent Primary Care

The Vancouver Division of Family Practice and Vancouver Coastal Health Community Palliative Program are collaborating to provide urgently needed end-of-life primary care for patients.

We are looking to find physicians for two patient categories:

1. Patients who are imminently (1 month) or actively (within days-few weeks) dying

Physicians will be needed within 24-48 hours, with a home visit likely required.

Demand is low; however, these unattached patients require a physician to assist in undertaking the following work for a short period of time:

- be placed on a list provided to the Palliative Care Resource Nurse and may be called Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm, and
- provide symptom management, EOL care, possible GOC conversation, medication and prescription review, and care plan.

2. Patients with life expectancy of 1 month or greater

These patients will be triaged and connected to accepting GPs through the Patient Attachment Initiative (the established individualized matching program run through the Vancouver Division).

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