

Provincial Palliative Care Integration Project

RESOURCE MANUAL

Collaborative Care Plans

Collaborative Care Planning (CCP) is a process used by interdisciplinary teams to improve the quality and efficiency of care for specific patient populations. Teams develop collaborative care plans to:

- to guide the care of typical patient
- to promote the critical review of care processes
- to promote quality patient care
- to promote interdisciplinary collaborative practice
- to promote patient satisfaction

Collaborative Care Planning provides care teams with the opportunity to examine, understand and improve care for a specific patient population. An interdisciplinary plan of care for patients with a particular diagnosis or procedure is developed through this process. Collaborative care plans (CCPs) define activities, interventions and outcomes that should occur within a specific stage or time frame.

Collaborative care plans are designed to place the patient at the focal point of care, to promote continuity and coordination of care, and to promote communication amongst all disciplines. They are **evidence based** and reflect the best practice patterns of all disciplines. Collaborative care plans help to optimize the timing of interdisciplinary events, minimize delays and unnecessary variations in care, define expected patient outcomes, improve communication between staff and to patients and families, promote patient satisfaction and interdisciplinary collaborative practice.

Nurses are responsible for initiating the plans, using the plan to guide care, and assessing a patient's progress. The Collaborative care plans are a **guide to clinical practice but never replace sound clinical judgment**. The plans are part of the permanent patient record.

The collaborative care plans often have supportive documents such as patient/family education booklets, medication guidelines and pre-printed physician orders. **The content of the collaborative care plans is not orders**. Medical staff are expected to write orders that support the plan.