



Community Paramedics

Brant/Brantford Paramedic Services

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About Us

Paramedics are highly trained medical professionals who are well positioned within the community to provide a range of home based services. The use of paramedics in this expanded role focuses on health promotion, reducing emergency department visits and hospital admissions, through in-home assessment and treatment.

Bridging the gap

For those who require care, access should not be a barrier. Community paramedics work with physicians and care teams to provide individuals with care and services within the community and home setting. Patients can be assessed and treated in the comfort of their home, eliminating access barriers and connecting patients with services when and where they need them.

Community Paramedics Services



- Services offered:
- Assessments
 - Referrals
 - Injections (B12, B6, Prolia, Allergy etc)
 - Immunizations
 - Libre/Dexcom sensor change
 - IV initiation
 - *Urinalysis POC with Clinitek+ Analyzer
 - **POC blood analysis EPOC
 - Advocacy
 - Access (transportation, food etc)
 - 12 Lead
 - HbA1c point of care testing
- *Only available on physician initiated order
**Tests for 13 standard components



What services do we offer?

Wellness Clinics

In partnership with the McMaster Department of Family Medicine, community paramedics host scheduled wellness clinics within senior buildings and subsidized housing complexes. Paramedics provide health assessments, consult with client healthcare teams regarding health and medical concerns, and educate participants on disease prevention, healthy living and medication management. Individuals can also be referred to other community resources, thereby reducing barriers to accessing care.

*“I worry a lot less about my condition. They are informed and caring people with my best interest at heart. I feel very lucky to be involved in this program”
(CP Client)*



In-Home Services

Community paramedics can provide the following in-home assessment and treatment services:

- Medication administration (eg. B12, Prolia, etc)
- DexCom and FreeStyle Libre replacement
- Monitoring of blood pressure, oxygen, ETCO2, glucose, etc.
- Point of care HbA1c testing
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) – both 12 and 15 lead
- Environmental and fall risk assessments
- Medication management
- Point-of-care testing - EPOC Blood analysis (13 standard components), Digital Multistix 10 SG Urinalysis via Clinitek+ (urinalysis available only on physician initiated order)
- Care coordination with community resources, primary care physicians, and disease management programs

Currently, our focus is mitigating decline among CHF, COPD and diabetic patients, however if you have a patient you feel may benefit from our home care services please contact us.

Remote Monitoring

Individuals diagnosed with CHF, COPD or diabetes living at home in community, may be monitored remotely for changes in health.

Daily patient information is sent via in-home devices, notifying community paramedics and healthcare teams when problematic patient information is assessed outside of the set limits.

Clients experiencing changes in health receive assistance through the community paramedic program, in collaboration with patient healthcare teams, helping to decrease emergency department visits and hospitalizations.

Disease Prevention and Mitigation

Vaccination

Paramedics have been included in professions able to provide Influenza vaccination. This service is offered to all community paramedic in-home and wellness clinic clients. Both the low and high dose is available through this program. Our Influenza prevention program also provides vaccination to healthcare workers, other emergency services and some city and county employees working with vulnerable individuals.



COVID-19 Support

Paramedics are supporting our program clients COVID-19 recovery efforts through providing vaccination at clinics, providing home vaccine delivery for house bound individuals, and providing community swabbing for virus detection.

Community Paramedic Long-term Care (CPLTC)

Community paramedics will serve a population of clients who are identified as being on the long-term care waitlist, soon to be on the waitlist, and/or have chosen to stay at home but would otherwise qualify for long-term care placement.

Community paramedics will provide 24/7 timely response to non-emergency issues and requests for assistance from the patient and/or caregiver. Tools to assist with caregiver burnout are taught and referrals provided. The program aims to reduce pressures on the LTC waitlists, keep people in their homes longer, and reduce avoidable 911 and ER usage. Patients receive assessment, treatment, education and referral. All services, and treatments are available in this program as they are in other programs. This program relies on a professional working collaboration with Home and Community Care Support Services and primary care.

**If you have a patient we can
assist or for more information:**

Office 1-877-641-9877

Fax all referrals to 519-753-3525

***Visit our website for more
information, referral forms, and
medical order forms at***

<https://www.brant.ca/en/resident-services/community-paramedic-programs.aspx>

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