

Palliative Care Unit

Bridgepoint Health is renowned for its commitment to compassionate end-of-life care. As part of our \$60 million *Life.Changes.* campaign, we are seeking \$2 million for the Palliative Care Unit in the new Bridgepoint Hospital.

Providing specialized, compassionate end-of-life care

The Palliative Care Unit supports Bridgepoint Health's philosophy of care by providing patients with the best quality of life possible, until their very last breath.

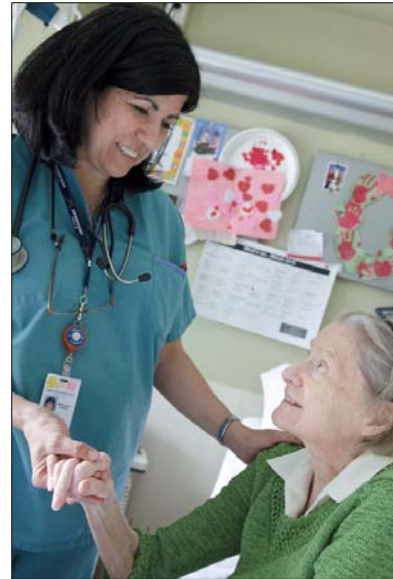
Serving terminally ill patients who have a prognosis of up to 12 months, the palliative care team ensures that their patients have a positive experience, and that families enjoy peace of mind about the last days of their loved ones. Medical care is focused on improving patients' quality of life through pain management and symptom control. Patients' mental, emotional and spiritual needs are also addressed, with a holistic approach to care that incorporates counselling, recreation activities, physiotherapy and social interaction.

The Palliative Care Unit includes efficiently designed workstations, allowing staff to work more effectively and spend as much time as possible with their patients.

Caring for family and friends as well as patients

The end of a patient's life is an emotional journey for family and friends, and the Palliative Care Unit cares for them as well.

Patients can have visitors at any time, and a special visitation room allows family members to make overnight visits. Family and friends are encouraged to bring favourite foods to share with their loved ones, and they can eat together in the patient's room or the communal dining room. The Palliative Care Unit will also encourage celebrations of special events such as birthdays and anniversaries.



Patients, family members and friends will be able to enjoy visits in their rooms, the lounge or the activity room. The quiet room and conference room will provide space for meetings with the healthcare team, and for private family discussions.

Creating a home away from home

The 32-bed Palliative Care Unit is designed to be a welcoming, home-like environment. The spacious layout will provide privacy as well as opportunities for social interaction, and will support complex medical care in a setting that doesn't feel clinical.

Large windows near every patient bed and in the common rooms will provide natural light and scenic views for patients' enjoyment. Patients will also be able to enjoy the relaxing effects of a special hydrotherapy tub. A multipurpose dining/activity room, lounge and special greenhouse/solarium will support numerous recreational activities and social events.

About the new Bridgepoint Hospital

The Palliative Care Unit will be an important part of the new Bridgepoint Hospital, a 464-bed complex care and rehabilitation facility opening in 2013. Specifically designed to meet the needs of patients living with complex chronic disease, the new Bridgepoint Hospital will redefine what a hospital can be.



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