**Palliative Care Unit, 10North**

The Palliative Care Unit is located on the tenth floor and comprises 32 beds. There are also eight beds in unit 9North. It focuses on caring, not curing and provides support and care to individuals in the end stages of terminal illness such as cancer, kidney failure, advanced stages of a chronic disease and HIV/AIDS.  The services are focused on helping patients manage their physical pain and supporting families. Expected period of stay is around 6 weeks.

Days start at 0830hrs and there are interprofessional rounds at 1000hrs every Monday. Incoming medical trainees can expect to be an active member of the palliative care team and responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

* attending interprofessional PCU rounds at 10:00 a.m. every Monday;
* admitting/transferring patients to the PCU;
* completing medication reconciliation on all admitted patients to the PCU;
* assessing hospital patients who have palliative care consultation requests;
* participating in PCU interdisciplinary rounds and family meetings;
* timely completion of admission notes, daily progress notes and discharge summaries.

You will not need to bring any tools, instruments and/or materials with you. You should plan to start your days on the PCU rotation at 8:30 a.m. daily. There are no overnight or weekend call duties expected of you on this rotation.

Medical staff on the Unit rotate between Bridgepoint and St. Michael’s Hospital. There are currently five physicians with the PCU. 10 North has an interprofessional team that includes Health Disciplines, RNs and RPNs who work to the full scope of their practice.

***You matter because you are you, and you matter to the last moment of your life.***

*Dame Cicely Saunders*