

Regional Palliative Care Consultation Team

The Regional Palliative Care Team members can provide formal or informal consultation on clinically complex palliative patients. The team provides Nurse Consultant support, Palliative Care Physician support and manages the Palliative Care Registry.

The goal is to provide equitable service throughout Northern BC. The Regional Palliative Care Consultation Team provides consultation services for all of the following sites and surrounding communities:

Northeast

- Chetwynd
- Dawson Creek
- Fort Nelson
- Fort St John
- Hudson's Hope
- Tumbler Ridge

Northern Interior

- Burns Lake
- Fort St James
- Fraser Lake
- Granisle
- MacKenzie
- McBride
- Prince George
- Quesnel
- Valemount
- Vanderhoof

Northwest

- Atlin
- Dease Lake
- Houston
- Haida Gwaii
- Hazelton
- Kitimat
- Prince Rupert
- Smithers
- Stewart
- Terrace

How to request a PC Physician consultation?

Consultations are accepted from physicians and nurse practitioners across the north.

Contact the PC Physician on-call 24 hours a day 7 days a week by dialing 250-565-2000 (UHNBC Switchboard) and asking for the PC Physician on-call.



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Palliative Care Physician Consultation Service



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What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is a type of health care for people who are living with active, progressive and life-limiting illness. Palliative care is holistic care aimed at alleviating suffering whether physical, emotional, psychosocial or spiritual. Palliative care is provided by a multidisciplinary team and may occur alongside treatments that control or manage illness. Palliative care is about promoting the best possible quality of life for patients living with a life limiting illness and their family/loved ones.

Palliative Care Physician Services

The PC Physicians help build capacity among primary care providers in the delivery of palliative care by providing education and clinical support.

Services are provided to physicians and care teams across the continuum of care in all care settings:

- Acute Care
- Home and Community Care
- Residential Care

Promotes quality end-of-life care by:

- Serving as a resource to assist other health care professionals in interpretation and application of best practice guidelines
- Linking health care providers with specialized palliative care resources



Palliative Care Physician Services con't.

Provides clinical support by:

- Providing advice on management of complex pain and other symptoms
- Offering consultation to other physicians and nurse practitioners by telephone, or if able, in person

Promotes physicians and nurse practitioners learning and development by:

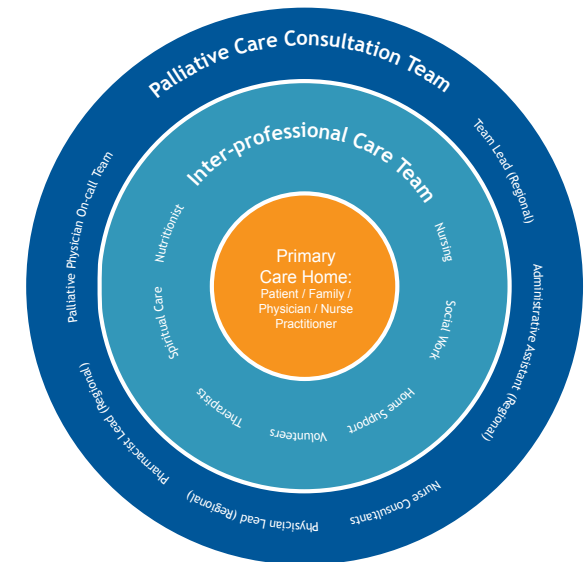
- Providing formal courses and education workshops
- Providing case-based education and mentoring for service providers
- Developing clinical resources

Palliative Care (PC)

In Northern Health

- PC is provided to all patients/families living with any life limiting illness;
- PC services are provided to patients/families in all care settings;
- Direct PC is provided by primary care providers – the patient's own physician, home care nurse, community nurse, acute care or residential care staff, community or hospital pharmacy, etc

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For more information on the NH Palliative Care Program visit: northernhealth.ca or the palliative care site on [OurNH](#)