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MEDICAL CLINIC

Patient Outreach Program of the Community Registered Nurse (POP CoRN)

Who runs the program?

POP CoRN is a compassionate charitable program run by Cranston Ridge Medical Clinic. It is a cooperation between the the Medical and the Nursing teams of CRMC and it is 100% free of charge for the patient/client.

Who is this program for?

POP CoRN was created to reduce hospital admission and re-admission of patients at high risk. The program targets all patients registered with the clinic who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Home-bound and lives alone
- Above the age of 65
- Discharged back to community in the last 24-48 hours
- Affected by chronic degenerative disorder
- Affected by a chronic disorder (physical or mental) and living alone
- Patients expected to die soon and whose community palliative care package has not yet started

Who can initiate the program?

The program can be initiated exclusively by one of the family physicians or nurse practitioners of CRMC. The patient is referred to the community outreach registered nurses directly by the family physician or nurse practitioner via relevant form uploaded on the CRMC's EMR as a task.

What will the program offer?

The CoRN-POP offers a minimum of one home visit by a registered nurses who will carry out a relevant nursing assessment as well as assessment of needs of the patient in their usual living environment. The registered nurse will then fill out relevant documentation and refer back to the primary care provider of the patient.

The registered nurse will then assess and agree together with the patient/client the need for continuation or termination of the program based on the nurse's professional and clinical judgement.

Who finances the program?

The registered nurses who participate in the POP CoRN do so on a Voluntary basis. No remuneration is provided for their service. The equipments and materials needed and used in the provision of care through the POP CoRN are provided by CRMC on request by the individual registered nurse.