

# Is a Behavioural Specialized Unit Right for my Patient?

Behavioural Specialized Units (BSU) serve patients who have a primary diagnosis of dementia and/or significant behavioural disturbances that cannot be managed in the community or a regular long-term care home. They are equipped to offer residents living with responsive behaviours enhanced levels of care that is patient-centered and founded in evidence-based practice. The BSU length of stay is not a fixed period and will depend on the resident and the ability to safely transition the patient to other care, but is typically around 120 days.

Your patient <i>may</i> be eligible if:		Your patient <i>may not</i> be eligible if:	
➤ Are they eligible for long-term care?	If yes, contact Home and Community Care Support Service for more information.	➤ Is their cognitive impairment due to a psychiatric disorder?	If yes, unfortunately, BSU may not be an option at this time. Please contact Home and Community Care Support Services for more information.
➤ Do they have a diagnosis of progressive Dementia?		➤ Do they have severe responsive or violent behaviours that are resistant to treatment?	
➤ Are they medically stable (including mental health diagnoses)?		➤ Is their ABS > 0 and CPS2 = 0 ?	
➤ Are they exhibiting behaviours that cannot be managed in the current environment or long-term care home?		➤ Are they experiencing acute delirium or suicidal ideation?	
<p><b>**Some eligibility criteria may be reconsidered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Home and Community Care Support Services for more information.</b></p>			