

Community Clinic vs. In-Home Nursing Eligibility

Information to guide patient-focused decisions

Clinic Eligibility

With extended evening and weekend hours, and six convenient locations to choose from, for most patients with Home and Community Care Support Services North Simcoe Muskoka community clinics are the best option to ensure high-quality specialized nursing that meets their care.

TREATMENTS SUITABLE FOR CLINIC SETTING

- Catheter care: foley and intermittent
- Chemotherapy disconnects
- CLV flushes and maintenance
- IV hydration
- Drains: chest tubes, nephrostomy, JP
- Injections
- IV therapy
- Negative-pressure wound therapy
- Ostomy consultation
- Wound care

ELIGIBLE

- Eligible for nursing
- Ambulatory – independent or minimal aids
- Treatment can be provided during clinic hours
- Health will not be compromised
- Patients with immunosuppression

INELIGIBLE

- Airborne and droplet communicable diseases
- C-difficile
- Service required outside clinic hours
- Known safety risk

In-Home Nursing Eligibility

The information below aims to inform and guide decisions around exceptions, aligned with clinic judgement based on presenting symptoms.

- **Non-Ambulatory:** patient is unable to leave their home for nursing care
- **Safety risk:** high risk of falls, unable to get into car or physically transport to clinic, safety risk for self or others
- **Transfer:** required treatment on table and mechanical lift

For more information, contact

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