



## Sinai Health and the University Health Network Geriatric Care Hub (Geri-Hub)

The Geriatric Care Hub (Geri-Hub) is a partnership between Sinai Health and the University Health Network (UHN). The Geri-Hub involves the coordination of Sinai Health and UHN's geriatric outpatient and community based services, in order to connect frail older persons with the right care, in the right place at the right time, by the right providers across a common geographical area. Through a central intake process, patients will be connected with the most appropriate Geri-Hub services being provided by either Sinai Health or UHN.

## Geriatric Medicine Clinics - Mount Sinai Hospital and Toronto Rehab

- Geriatric Medicine Clinics assist older adults who have complex conditions associated with aging. The clinics work in partnership with patients' primary care and other specialist providers to offer the specialist support of geriatricians. Comprehensive assessment; care planning recommendations and services; links to other specialist, primary, home and community services; as well as ongoing follow-up, support, health education, and counselling are provided as needed to enable healthy and active living.
   Common concerns addressed include: cognition; falls, functional decline; mobility issues; polypharmacy; weight loss/nutrition; medication
- review/polypharmacy; incontinence; pain; caregiver support; complex and multiple comorbidities.
  Our Geriatricians also offer eConsults as the UHN/Sinai Health Geriatric Medicine eConsult Service via the OTN eConsult platform.

### **Geriatric Psychiatry Clinics - University Health Network**

• Geriatric Psychiatric Clinics work in partnership with patients' primary care and other specialist providers to offer the specialist support of geriatric psychiatrists. Geriatric Psychiatry Clinics provide comprehensive geriatric mental health assessments, and care planning recommendations and services; links to other specialist, home and community mental health services and programs; with potential for ongoing follow-up, support, and health education as needed to enable healthy and active living. These services can be provided to older adults age 65 and above with new onset of mental health challenges (mood, anxiety, psychosis), or to those age 60 and above with dementia and the associated neuropsychiatric symptoms.

### **Geriatric Rehab Outpatient Services - Toronto Rehab**

• Geriatric Day Hospital:

-Appropriate for patients with complex physical/cognitive/psychosocial concerns requiring two or more of the following services: nursing (RN), physiotherapy, occupational therapy (OT), social work (SW), speech-language pathology (SLP)
 -Up to 10-week duration; program is individualized to each patient
 -Geriatrician available for consultation

• Falls Prevention Program:

-Appropriate for patients whose primary concern is falls, and patient is at risk for falls
-Interprofessional assessment by geriatrician, physiotherapist and nurse
-Access to OT, SW, and SLP services available if identified as needed during initial assessment
-8-week duration; program includes educational lectures and exercise classes
-Patient must be able to participate in group based exercise and education sessions
Exclusion Criteria: Requires assistance or supervision with transfers or ambulation

• Learning the Ropes for Living with MCI®:

-Appropriate for patients with a diagnosis of amnestic mild cognitive impairment (MCI) -Group based education focused on lifestyle factors that can impact cognitive health and memory strategy training.

-\$75 program fee (no one is turned away if they cannot pay fee)

-The program is held once a week for 6 sessions (approximately 90-105 minutes per session) and there is a follow up session approximately one month after the sixth session.

-Each participant is able to invite one caregiver/family member/close friend to join the sessions to support their learning.

-A one time support session will be organized for any caregivers/family members/close friends who are interested.

### **Exclusion Criteria for Geriatric Rehab Services:**

-Patient needs more than minimum assistance for transfers/ambulation (patients requiring min assist must be accompanied by a caregiver) -Cognitive, physical, or medical difficulties preventing patient participation in program activities

-Patients residing in Long-Term Care (LTC) or a Retirement Home (RH)

-Previous admission in last 2 years with no significant change in status

### Geriatric Community Outreach Team - Sinai Health, Toronto Rehab, Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS)

### • Independence at Home Community Outreach Team:

-Catchment area: South of St. Clair Avenue, North of Lake Ontario, West of the Don River, and East of Parkside Drive/Keele Street. -Appropriate for medically and socially complex, community dwelling older adults who have experienced recent functional decline and have potential to regain function, or may be struggling for other reasons to remain in the community – e.g. poor connections to community services. Ideal for more home-bound older adults.

-Interprofessional assessment, care plan development and coordination (team members may include RN, Pharmacy, SW, Care Coordinator from HCCSS, Geriatrician and Geriatric Psychiatry based on patients' needs). Exclusion Criteria: Patients residing in LTC or a RH

## Sinai Health and the University Health Network Geriatric Care Hub (Geri-Hub) Referral Form

Please complete this form and ensure all requested information is included. Mandatory fields are flagged with an asterisk \*. Missing information may result in delay of services. Please note that we do not provide urgent medical care or crisis management services, please direct your patients to other services if needed.

# 1. Patient Eligibility (please identify if patient meets the eligibility criteria for services within the Geri-Hub, if no is checked for any of the below criteria please refer your patient to other services):

Patient/SDM/POA is aware, agreeable and consents to referral and sharing	of information; and medical diagnoses have been
discussed with patient/SDM/POA?   Yes No	
Is the patient age 65 and above, or 60 and above with cognitive concerns?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No

Does the patient live in the Geri-Hub catchment area or meet the catchment area exception criteria (South of Eglinton Avenue, North of Lake Ontario, West of Bayview Avenue, and East of the Humber River)?:

\*Please note catchment area for Independence at Home Community Outreach Team remains South of St. Clair Avenue, North of Lake Ontario, West of the Don River, and East of Parkside Drive/Keele Street.

\*\*Please note if patients receive a majority of their medical care at Sinai Health/UHN an exception will be made to the catchment area.

## 2. Patient Information \*:

First Name:	Last Name:	I	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):
Gender:	Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Health Card Number a	and Version Code:	Health Card Expiry Date:
Patient Lives in: 🗆 LTC 🛛 RH 👘 Supportive Housing 🖓 Private Dwelling			
Does patient live alone?  Yes No Does patient have any support from family/friends? Yes No			
Does patient receive services from Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS)? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No			
If Yes, Name of Care Coo	rdinator:	Pho	one Number:
What language does patient speak:   English  Other (specify):			
Interpreter Required: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No If yes, specify language:			
Is the patient a candidate	e for a Virtual Visit?   Yes  No	If yes, using: 🗆 Telephone	□ Video Conferencing

## 3. Alternate Contact Information:

Can patient be contacted directly?:	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
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If No, please provide information about the patient's alternate contact (if consent to communicate with alternate contact has been obtained from patient):

Name:		Relationship:	Phone Number:	
4. Referral Sou	urce * and Family Physicia	n Information:		
Referring MD/NP	Name:	Phone:	Email:	
Fax:	Billing #:	Signature:	Date:	
Family Physician II	nformation (If different from re	eferral source)		
Name:		Phone:		
Fax:	Billin	ng #:		

## 5. Reason for Referral \* (indicate all that apply):

# Specify services needed (if known). Please note patients will be triaged to the most appropriate service(s) based on current issues, wait times.

□ Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment by Geriatrician

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- Assessment by Geriatric PsychiatristInterprofessional Rehabilitation
- $\hfill\square$  Memory Strategy Training for patients with a diagnosis of Amnestic MCI
- □ Home based assessment and services (for homebound patients)

	Indicate all that apply:	Provide details as applicable:
	Recurrent emergency department (ED) visits or admissions in the last 12 months	
	□ Risk/Safety Concerns: (including any physical risk; risk of harm – (e.g. frailty, delirium)	Specify Risk/Safety Concerns:
	Falls	<ul> <li>Recurrent falls in the last 3-6 months</li> <li>Recurrent falls in the last 6 months or more</li> </ul>
	Mobility issues	Transfer Status:       Independent       Assistance         Ambulation Status:       Independent       Assistance         Mobility Aid Used:       No Aid       Cane       Walker       Wheelchair       Power Mobility
	Medication Issues: <ul> <li>Medication Review</li> <li>Medication Management/Adherence Issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Indicate if patient is taking any of the following:</li> <li>Falls and high risk medications e.g. benzodiazepines, opiates, sedating or anticholinergic</li> <li>Narrow therapeutic index medications where missed or duplicated doses may have serious consequences e.g.: insulin, oral hypoglycemic agents, anticoagulants, anticonvulsants, lithium, digoxin</li> </ul>
		Please include full list of medications below.
cal	Incontinence	
hysi	Constipation	
al/P	🗌 Pain Management	
Medical/Physical	Sleep	
2	Weight Loss/Nutrition	
	☐ Functional Decline (a loss of 1 or more ADLs and/or IADLs)	<ul> <li>Acute functional decline in the last 3 months</li> <li>Functional decline in the last 12 months or more</li> </ul>
	Swallowing	
	Speech Difficulties	
	Driving Concerns	
Functional	☐ Homebound	Please indicate if any safety risks are present:
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	Atypical cognitive changes, cause unclear	
Cognitive/Behavioural	□ Cognitive decline	<ul> <li>Acute cognitive decline in the last 3-12 months</li> <li>Cognitive decline in the last 12 months or more</li> <li>Cognition previously assessed by another specialist (indicate date and name of specialist who completed the assessment):</li> </ul>
	☐ Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) not well managed	
	□ Mood	
	Suicidal Ideation	
	□ Verbal/Physical Aggression	
	Delusions/Hallucinations	
	□ Wandering	
	□ Substance Abuse	
Cog	□ Self-Neglect	
Psychosocial	Caregiver Stress/Risk of Caregiver Burnout	Indicate if Severe: Yes No (e.g. caregiver(s) has expressed difficulty with providing ongoing support or being overwhelmed by support needs).
	Social Isolation/Limited Supports	Indicate If severe: Yes No (e.g. lives alone with no friend/family support, and no community supports in place)
	Psychosocial issues	
	Concern for Abuse (financial, physical, emotional, sexual, neglect)	
	□ Other:	Specify:

## 6. Medical Information:

Medical History \* (Please write below, or  $\Box$  check to indicate attachment)

Please attach the following if available: 
Recent Laboratory Testing (from last 3 months) 
Cardiac Tests (ECHO, EKG)
DEXA (Bone Density Scan) 
Vaccination Record 
Diagnostic Imaging (from last 2 years) 
Relevant Consultation Reports
Cognitive Testing (e.g. MoCA, MMSE, RUDAS or Mini-Cog)

Has patient previously seen a Geriatrician?:   Yes  No	If Yes, Name:	Date:
Please list all specialists currently affiliated with the pat	ient and provide contact details wherever po	ssible: