

## Contact Us

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Palliative Care Unit: <http://www.baycrest.org/Baycrest/Healthcare-Programs-Services/Clinical-Services/Palliative-Care-Unit>



# The Shirley and Philip Granovsky Palliative Care Unit

## Admission Criteria

### Baycrest Health Sciences

Baycrest is proud of its continuum of healthcare, which encompasses specialized inpatient care for the older adult population, including:

- The Shirley and Philip Granovsky Palliative Care Unit
- Complex Continuing Care
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Program
- Inpatient Psychiatry Program
- Behavioural Neurology Unit

# The Palliative Care Unit

The Palliative Care Unit is a 31-bed unit providing 24-hour pain and symptom management in combination with emotional and spiritual support to patients with late or end-stage disease in need of palliative care.

Applications for short term pain and symptom management may be considered.

## Goals of the program

An integrated, interdisciplinary holistic approach to care that encourages a support network among patients, family, staff and volunteers.

The focus of care is on pain and symptom management.

## Admission Criteria for the Palliative Care

### Inclusion

- Adults aged 55 and older who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness requiring palliative care (24-hour pain and symptom control)
- Patient is medically stable (i.e. does not require acute care intervention)
- If patient smokes, is able to do so safely and make own arrangements

- Patient and power of attorney/substitute decision maker will understand and accept the philosophy of palliative care and reason for admission.
- Expected prognosis of 90 days or less
- Should the patient's condition/care needs stabilize, the patient or substitute decision maker is expected to cooperate in discharge planning to transition to an appropriate destination

### Exclusion

- Dialysis
- Mechanical ventilation
- Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP)
- Cuffed Tracheostomy Tube
- Needs greater than 50% Oxygen
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
- Bariatric equipment needs (300lbs +)
- Patients requesting resuscitation
- Patients seeking life-prolonging active intervention/treatment

## Application Process

Referral (RMR) system or via fax: 416-785-2471.

Applications are reviewed by the palliative care team for appropriateness.

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