



Whole Community Palliative Rounds – Value Statements

Frontline Clinicians

Whole Community Palliative Rounds (WCPR) enable full -continuum of care discussions about patients with unmet palliative and end-of- life care needs and their families. Through scheduled sessions representatives from the patient’s enhanced circle of care offer collective expertise, evidence and skills to address the immediate palliative symptomatic needs of persons and families brought forward for discussion at rounds.

Why should you attend WCPR?

WCPR provides an opportunity for:

- **multiple disciplines** to gather and discuss client care in a more **holistic** manner,
- **team building**, active in-the-moment learning, and
- building **community capacity** in palliative care.

How will WCPR help you to deliver better clinical outcomes for patients?

WCPR improves patient outcomes by:

- promoting **collaboration** and **teamwork** with other disciplines resulting in high quality patient care,
- increasing access to an **interdisciplinary team** that provides **timely interventions** to address symptom burden and decrease suffering,
- increasing access to a range of clinical supports and resources which helps the client’s with palliative needs to **self-manage** their care needs at home,
- focusing on **client’s needs** from various perspectives, and
- consistent **communication** with clients and caregivers.

Why is attending WCPR a good use of your time?

- Everyone is getting the **same information** at the **same time**.
- Conversations are **patient-centred** with **explicit goals** for the plan of care, and actions and decisions that need to be made.
- Opportunity for multiple disciplines to gather and discuss patient care in a more **holistic manner**.
- Support in managing clients with **complex care needs** who will be discussed by an interdisciplinary team in the rounds.
- Increased **confidence** to engage in interprofessional collaboration (e.g. physician communication and delegation of care to staff).
- Opportunity to **contribute** and **learn** different interprofessional perspectives for care
- Opportunity to **coach** several members of the care team at the same time.

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How will your participation in WCPR impact the lives of your clients?

WCPR is both a **tool** and a **process** that will help you to get **real-time, action-oriented input** from various disciplines to **relieve suffering** and **support optimal function** of your clients during the most challenging time in their lives.

How is WCPR different from your existing rounds?

Clinical Rounds	Whole Community Palliative Rounds
Interdisciplinary care team present	Interdisciplinary care team AND members of the patients “Enhanced Circle of Care” present (e.g. community supports, hospice, acute care, long-term care etc.)
Structures & processes organized around providers	Use of standardized palliative care assessment tools and documentation results in more effective and timely communication and action among care team providers and enhanced circle of care.
High degree of variability among attendees	Consistent, predictable team members enhances communication and effectiveness of palliative care teams across disciplines and settings of care.
Various patient-centred discussions facilitate input from health care providers	Optimal care for patients with palliative care needs achieved through shared decision making with all members of the circle of care.
Variety of actions and treatment decisions results from round discussions	Targeted approach in WCPR lead to increased use and application of evidence-informed assessment tools (ESASr and PPS) into patient care discussions, goals of care and care plans.

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