

Our vision is “Better health outcomes for older adults living with complex health conditions and their care partners in our Region.”

Who We Are

Seniors Care Network is responsible for the organization, coordination and governance of specialized geriatric services (SGS) in the Central East region of Ontario Health East. Key services include the planning, design, implementation, evaluation, quality improvement and performance monitoring of clinical SGS. Applied health research is a key component of Seniors Care Network’s mandate. Additionally, subject matter expertise is provided to partner organizations including Ontario Health Teams.

Purpose

To lead the network of specialized geriatric services and advance integrated, person-centred care for older adults living with complex physical, cognitive, social and mental health conditions (including frailty and dementia) and their care partners in Central East Ontario.

Specialized Geriatric Services

Specialized Geriatric Services are defined as a comprehensive, coordinated system of health services that assess, diagnose, care and support older adults living with complex health conditions (including frailty, dementia and multidimensional impairment), and their care partners. These services are provided by interprofessional teams with expertise in care of older adults across the continuum of care including in primary care, hospitals, home care, community service agencies and long-term care. In addition to interprofessional geriatric teams, SGS are inclusive of the medical sub-specialties of Geriatric Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Seniors Mental Health, Care of the Elderly and Integrated Geriatric Teams.

Our Programs

Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO)

Trained health professionals and programming helping older adults with challenging behaviours resulting from complex mental health, addictions, dementia and other neurodegenerative issues.

Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network (GAIN)

A network of twelve hospital and community-based interprofessional health teams providing comprehensive geriatric assessments and creating care plans with older adults and care partners to optimize function, and independence and keep older adults living at home.

Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) Nurses

Advanced practice nurses with specialized training in gerontological nursing who deliver emergency comprehensive geriatric assessment (eCGA) and interventions to older adults with complex health conditions and their care partners in the Emergency Department in order to connect them with community services and resources that better meet their health needs when they return home.

Memory Clinics (Primary Care Collaborative Memory Services and MINT Memory Clinics)

Interprofessional teams of family doctors, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, and others who are specially trained in caring for people living with dementia, and other memory difficulties. The team provides assessment, early diagnosis and ongoing care in a primary care setting.

Nurse Practitioners Supporting Teams Averting Transfers (NPSTAT)

Nurse practitioners responding to LTC residents experiencing acute health concerns, helping to avoid transfers to hospital.

Senior Friendly Care (sfCare)

The Central East sfCare Committee is comprised of representatives from all area hospitals collaborating to promote and provide strategic direction and leadership for the sfCare strategy within the Central East Region. Additionally, an objective of the Central East Adult Day Program Committee is to promote senior friendly care/different ability friendly care throughout the Central East Region.

