

Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQs)

Toward Implementing a Palliative Care Approach throughout Healthcare in Ontario: Palliative Care Health Services Delivery Framework & Ontario Palliative Care Competency Framework

1. What is the Palliative Care Health Services Delivery Framework?

The [Palliative Care Health Services Delivery Framework](#), offers recommendations to the healthcare system for the integration of hospice palliative care service delivery, through primary care teams, acute care, community care, long-term care, hospices and specialized hospice palliative care services.

2. What is the Ontario Palliative Care Competency Framework

The [Ontario Palliative Care Competency Framework](#) recognizes the interprofessional and team-based nature of providing hospice and palliative care. Palliative care competencies are outlined for generalist-level hospice palliative care providers, specialty healthcare providers and specialist-level hospice palliative care providers. Read more about the Palliative Care competencies that align with your role.

3. Who Provides Palliative Care?

Palliative care is not the responsibility of specialist palliative care and teams. All health professionals who provide any form of care to patients with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses should be able to provide basic primary- or generalist-level palliative care, also known as the “Palliative Care Approach”

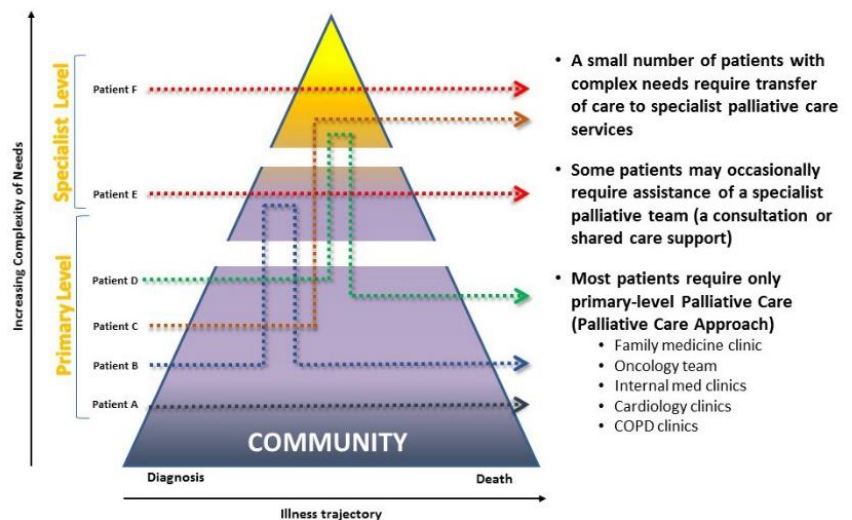
- **Primary-Level Palliative Care**

Most palliative and end-of-life (EOL) care can be provided at this primary, or generalized, level. It requires basic palliative & EOL care competencies and the support of palliative care specialist teams

- **Specialist-Level Palliative Care**

A smaller number of patients require specialist-level care services. Palliative care specialists also provide consultation and education support to generalists providing a Palliative Care Approach

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Sources:

Pallium: [Who provides palliative care?](#)
OPCN - [Ontario Palliative Care Network](#)

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