

Title: Care-of-the-Elderly Physicians in Edmonton – Contributing to the Care for Older Persons

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Abstract

The long waiting time for outpatient geriatric assessment services could impact health of older persons. We are going to present 5 innovative care pathways for older persons in Edmonton and surrounding areas. The pathways are as follows: Geriatric services in a primary care network (named, Seniors Community Hub); Geriatric consult team in Home Living and Supportive Living in Edmonton; Geriatric Evaluation and Management in the Emergency Department; Geriatric services in inpatient units; and Geriatric services through telehealth. These pathways are collaborative, involving multiple disciplines and community organizations, accessible through over 30 Care-of-the-Elderly physicians and geriatrics across 14 sites in Edmonton and surrounding areas, and responsive to the growing demand for seniors care through capacity building and clinical research.