
Name of Document: **Use of Nurse Practitioners to Provide Advanced Home Care**

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Agency: Partnership between London-Middlesex CCAC, London Health Sciences Centre, and London Intercommunity Health Centre.

Initiative: Focus is on clients with acute conditions or chronic conditions with acute exacerbations (infectious diseases, dehydration, respiratory or cardiac problems, complex diabetes, etc.), clients ready for early discharge, clients who visit ER frequently, and clients who would benefit from alternatives to in-hospital care.

NPs are employees of London Health Sciences Centre. Services are purchased by CCAC which provides them with office space, IT support, etc.

NPs accept referrals for acutely ill patients who require an increased level of support over that already available through CCAC in-home services in order to avoid visits to ER, shorten hospital stay, and/or avoid hospitalization entirely.

Results: 123 clients referred to program over 10 months. 67% admitted to program. 77.5% of those admitted to program avoided hospital admission while on program.
