

North Saskatchewan Dementia Assessment Program

What is the Dementia Assessment Outreach Team?

The Dementia Assessment Outreach Team provides support to individuals with a primary diagnosis of dementia who are experiencing responsive behaviours that are not being managed in their current living environment. The service area includes the Saskatoon Health Region and the seven northern health regions in Saskatchewan. The Outreach Team will provide an interdisciplinary assessment and recommendations, with the goal of stabilizing responsive behaviours in the client's current environment. The Outreach team provides access to social work, psychology, occupational therapy, geriatric psychiatry and pharmacy.

Who can make the referral?

The referral can be initiated by family however the form will need to be completed by a team member involved in care. A physician or nurse practitioner must be involved in the process.

How can the family assist with the referral?

1. Review the referral form to familiarize yourself with the necessary information. The referral form can be accessed here: [North Saskatchewan Dementia Assessment Outreach Team | SaskHealthAuthority](#)
2. We request family make an appointment with their family physician or nurse practitioner to obtain:
 - Vital signs and review of current medical status.
 - A copy of the current medications (MAR) including PRNs (as needed medications)
 - Blood work (from the last 3 months) including CBC, Renal and Liver panel, TSH, B12, HgA1c, Blood glucose, Calcium, Urinalysis, Urine C&S (only if UTI guideline criteria has been met)
3. Caregivers will need to complete a behaviour tracking tool. This tool is used to assess a person's behaviour over a 24-hour cycle for 7 days to determine the occurrence, frequency, and duration of behaviours of concern. Please use the attached Dementia Observation System tool.
4. Speak with care team member assisting with the completion of the referral form to answer any questions pertaining to the referral.
5. Provide the care team member with the documentation obtained from your family physician or nurse practitioner.

*Dementia Assessment Outreach Team and Unit
Seniors' Health and Continuing Care*

Saskatchewan Health Authority | phone: 306-655-3901 | fax: 306-655-3934

Email: dementia.assessment@saskatoonhealthregion.ca

Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY: This information is for the recipient(s) listed and is considered confidential by law. If you are not the intended recipient, any use, disclosure, copying or communication of the contents is strictly prohibited.