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POLICY

As The Salvation Army Agapé Hospice is a community resource with primary care as its service, it is important that efforts be made to have the primary care physician (Family Physician) assume the primary care of their residents residing in the hospice.

PROCEDURE

1. With each resident intake, contact will be made with their Family Physician during the intake process to see if he/she will assume care of that resident.
2. If he/she would like to assume care, and if they have confirmed active privileges in the Calgary Zone for hospice attendance, then they may be assigned as primary admitting physician, only after discussion with Medical Director regarding expectations for service provision and responsibilities.
3. If he/she is unable to assume care, then the Unit Clerk will contact one of the hospice Family Physician's about assuming the resident's care. A hospice Family Physician is someone who has expressed interest and shown expertise in hospice care and will assume care of unattended residents.
4. In the rare event that the Family Physician or one of the hospice Family Physicians is not able to assume care, then the Medical Director is contacted and will assume care.
5. Only Family Physicians with active hospice privileges within the Calgary Zone can attend to a resident's care. (Registration within the Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone, assumes registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and active malpractice insurance.) They do not have to possess hospital or long-term care privileges.

CROSS REFERENCE

Policy 0101 – Admission Process/Assessment: “Appendix A - Welcoming Letter for Family Physicians”