

Community Clinic vs. In-Home Nursing Eligibility

Information to guide patient-focused decisions

Clinic Eligibility

With extended evening and weekend hours, and seven convenient locations to choose from, for most patients Ontario Health atHome community clinics are the best options to ensure high-quality, specialized nursing that meets their care need.

Treatments Suitable for Clinic Setting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catheter care: foley and intermittent • Chemotherapy disconnects • CVL flushes and maintenance • Diabetic teaching support • Drains: chest tubes, nephrostomy, JP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injections • IV Therapy • Negative-Pressure Wound Therapy • Ostomy consultation • Wound Care

Eligible	Ineligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for nursing • Ambulatory – independent or minimal aids • Treatment can be provided during clinic hours • Health will not be compromised • Patients with immunosuppression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airborne and droplet communicable diseases • C-difficile • Service required outside clinic hours • Known safety risk (e.g. narcotic use while driving)

In-Home Nursing Eligibility

The information below aims to inform and guide decisions around exceptions, aligned with clinic judgment based on presenting symptoms.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-ambulatory: patient is unable to leave their home for nursing care • Safety risk: high risk of falls, unable to get into a car or physically transport to clinic • Advanced cognitive impairment: dependent on others for safety/requires escort, unable to navigate community due to safety risk for self or others • Pain: unmanaged pain, pain scale 8-10/10 that results in a restriction of activities • Transfer: requires treatment on table and mechanical lift
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