



## **GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT UNIT FREEPORT HEALTH CENTRE**

The geriatric assessment unit is a 15 bed department at Grand River Hospital's Freeport Health Centre. The services are designed to increase the elderly patient's ability to function independently. Assessment and treatment are generally provided within a 14 to 30 day period. Individual goals are established for each patient and weekly assessments evaluate the patient's status in relation to the established goals.

The hospital stay includes an observation period to evaluate the results of the treatment and develop a personal discharge plan. This personalized plan includes education to support family members and links with community resources as required.

### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Individuals over 65 years of age (or younger if criteria are otherwise met) will be considered for admission if;

1. The individual has complex or multiple problems, which require comprehensive interdisciplinary geriatric assessment, treatment, observation and a plan of care for management of the problems.
2. The individual has been identified by the referral source as requiring comprehensive interdisciplinary assessment to determine the most appropriate resident grouping that would best meet their needs.

The unit reserves the right to restrict admission to individuals with;

- A viable discharge plan, or an agreement to return to the referring facility

A member of the team is appointed as care manager for each patient. The care manager coordinates all of the care related to that person in collaboration with Home Care as required. As the purpose of the unit is to have the elderly function as independently as possible, patients on the unit are expected to handle as much of their own personal care as possible. They are expected to dress in street clothes, stay out of bed and participate in all scheduled activities.

### **REFERRAL PROCESS**

Family and community care providers may refer patients directly to the unit.

To receive a referral application, or for further information, please contact us at;

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