

LONG TERM CARE INITIATIVE

Cowichan

What is LTCI?

Funded through the Family Practice Services Committee (FPSC), the Long-term Care Initiative (LTCI) is a BC-wide program seeking to address challenges in primary care delivery in the long-term care setting. Participating Divisions of Family Practice receive funding based on their total long-term care bed count and use these funds to form their own unique care delivery model, within certain parameters. Read details here: <https://fpscbc.ca/what-we-do/clinical-supports/long-term-care>.

How does LTCI work in Cowichan?

Cowichan has four geographic areas covered by distinct funding agreements and different care delivery models – Duncan (4 facilities, 404 beds), Ladysmith (1 facility, 88 beds), Chemainus (1 facility, 75 beds), and Shawnigan/Mill Bay (1 facility, 35 beds). CVDFP strives to create a culture of excellence and teamwork in the delivery of primary care in these facilities through physician supports and close collaborations with our LTC partners. Our areas of focus include:

SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS

Recognizing the additional burden placed on physicians in providing on-call services beyond their normal work day, LTCI in Duncan offers an after-hours call group, providing LTC providers the option of signing out at the end of the day.

- Coverage Hours: 6:30 pm-7:00 am
- Weekday daytime calls continue to be managed by the patient's MRP.
- Helps streamline urgent after-hours call outs for facility staff

Providers also have the option to retain first call, upon request.



SUPPORTING PATIENTS

Through the LTCI program, CVDFP promotes and supports physicians to achieve the following best practices, established by the FPSC:

- 24/7 availability and on-site attendance when required
- Proactive visits to residents
- Meaningful medication reviews
- Completed documentation
- Attendance at case conferences

CVDFP also works to support the system in navigating the placement of unattached patients who would otherwise not be accepted to LTC.

OPPORTUNITIES

CVDFP is working to nurture and sustain a robust team of LTC providers throughout the region, and welcomes physicians who embrace proactive care of the vulnerable elderly to bolster the LTCI efforts. Opportunities in Cowichan include:

- LTC-specific mentoring for any physician starting or returning to LTC. Stipends provided to both mentor and mentee.
- After-hours call group compensation of \$1,850 per average call week (Duncan only), with separate after-hours call funding for LTC providers in adjacent communities (Ladysmith, Chemainus, Mill Bay)
- Dedicated LTC employment opportunities, along with “clustering” opportunities for MRPs interested in caring for a pre-set, self-selected number of patients within a single facility
- Ongoing education and quality improvement opportunities