

DETAILED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Nurse Practitioner (NPs) - Enhanced Shelter Support Program

- Conducts comprehensive health assessments of individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the lifespan.
- Assesses and manages episodic and chronic conditions commonly seen in primary health care
- Provides supportive and lifestyle counselling which may include preventative counselling, brief supportive counselling or short-term crisis management when indicated
- Assesses the need for and writes prescriptions and orders laboratory and diagnostic tests within the RN (EC) scope of practice
- Makes referrals to specialists, hospital or community resources as appropriate
- Collaborates with partners to minimize barriers to accessing services and care
- Ensures that standards of client care are maintained according to accepted College of Nurses standards, the Regulated Health Professions Act, and ICHA policies
- Participates in the development of, and gives support to, policies/strategies which are in the interest of public health and which support the recognition of the determinants of health

Registered Nurse(s) - Enhanced Shelter Support Program

- Provides primary care assessment, counselling and treatment interventions in preventative distancing hotel-based clinics in collaboration with interprofessional team (nurses, NPs, and primary care physicians)
- Provides nursing care for clients' often previously untreated wounds, skin disorders, infectious diseases and mental health and substance use issues and other presenting concerns.
- Performs individual client intake assessments (physical, emotional and psychological) including client history, recording of baseline vitals, and risk assessment.
- Dispenses over-the-counter (OTC) as indicated within the RN scope of practice
- Conducts medication reconciliation in collaboration with community-based pharmacies
- Collaborates with clients to develop appropriate, client-centered, individualized care plans.
- Engages clients in risk factor and health problem identification, goal-setting and decision-making around interventions for disease treatment, prevention and health promotion.
- Keeps complete and accurate records of client interventions and care through timely documentation in the Inner City Health Associates Medical record (EMR—OSCAR) as per CNO Standards
- Actively participates in clinical huddles, case conferences and team rounds.
- Varied shifts (8-12 hours), days and evenings Monday through Friday with some weekend availability needed on an on-call basis

Registered Nurses - Encampment/Outreach Support

- Provides primary care assessment, counselling and treatment interventions in encampments throughout the GTA in collaboration with ICHA Physicians
- Provides expert nursing care for clients' often previously untreated wounds, skin disorders, infectious diseases and mental health and substance use issues and other presenting concerns
- Performs individual client assessments (physical, emotional and psychological) including client history, recording of vital signs, and risk assessment
- Dispenses over-the-counter (OTC) medications as indicated within the RN scope of practice
- Conducts medication reconciliation in collaboration with community-based pharmacies, where appropriate
- Engages clients in risk factor and health problem identification, goal-setting and decision-making around interventions for disease treatment, prevention and health promotion.
- Keeps complete and accurate records of client interventions and care through timely documentation in the ICHA Electronic Medical Record (EMR—OSCAR) as per CNO Standards
- Actively participates in meetings with Encampment Support Network and other frontline worker groups
- Varied part-time shifts, days and evenings Monday through Friday with some weekend availability needed on occasion