

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE:**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE GERIATRIC MEDICINE CLINIC AT ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL**

Please note, due to unprecedented volumes and wait times, we have made the difficult decision to update eligibility criteria and are enforcing a catchment area in order to better care for patients attending our outpatient ambulatory clinics. Please review these criteria and consider referral to another service when your patient does not fulfill them.

We apologize for any inconvenience. A centralized intake through the Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto is being developed in order to avoid duplication of referral efforts and link patients with their closest geriatric program.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The patient lives within our catchment area** (south of Bloor/Danforth, east of Yonge, west of Don Valley Parkway, and north of Lake Ontario) or meets the catchment area exception criteria** *If the patient receives much of their medical care at St. Michael's Hospital an exception can be made to the catchment area.*
- There is **at least one identified geriatric concern**. If your patient's concern is not listed below, please provide further details on the reason for referral.
 - Cognitive impairment
 - Falls or mobility concerns
 - Medication concerns (e.g. multiple psychotropics, more than 8 prescribed medications)
 - Frailty or functional decline
 - Caregiver support
 - Elder neglect/abuse
- Patient/SDM/POA is aware**, agreeable, and consents to referral and sharing of information; and medical diagnoses have been discussed with patient/SDM/POA.
- The patient **has NOT seen another geriatrician** within the last two years for the same concerns
- The patient is **age 65 years and above**, or 60 and above with cognitive concerns.
- Concerns are non-urgent**. Our estimated wait-time is 9-12 months currently. We do not provide urgent medical care or crisis management services, please direct your patients to other services if needed.

Referrals from LTC are subject to approval from geriatrician.

We have included an updated referral form - it is subject to change with the implementation of the centralized intake.