

Psychiatric Care in DOM: THE PHIPPS TEAM IS EXPANDING!

Beginning March 27, 2017, psychiatric services on Nelson 3, 4, and Meyer 8 will be provided through **PHIPPS: Proactive Hospital Intervention Program for Psychiatric Services**. This new approach will replace the standard psychiatric consultation during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

- The **PHIPPS** team will consist of a part-time Attending Psychiatrist, a FT Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and a FT Psychiatric Social Worker.
- The team will be screening every admission for psychiatric or substance use service needs, providing recommendations for care as warranted, and collaborating with nurses, social workers, and providers in delivering care.
- With this model, there should be no need to activate psych or substance use disorder consult services. All admissions to these units will be proactively screened the next business day. (The psych consult service can be contacted in an emergency after hours, on weekends and holidays.)
- Units outside of those covered by PHIPPS (Nelson 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and Meyer 8) will continue to use the traditional psychiatric and/or substance use disorder consult services for all needs.

We will be collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of this HSCRC-funded program. Nurses and providers will be surveyed about their perceptions of their ability to care for this patient population and the adequacy of resources. Your participation on this survey is greatly appreciated, and helpful with maintaining the program. Additional metrics such as length of stay, readmissions, and sitter and security use will also be collected.

Team members include:

Team 1: Dr. Pat Triplett, Maureen Lewis – Psych NP, Sunny Mendelson – LCSW.
All can be found in PING.

Team 2: Dr. Joe Bienvenu, Liz Noyes – Psych NP, and Seema Vadalía – LCSW.