

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

2023

Nomination: 2. Optimising teams' capacity and creating efficiencies

Huron Shores Family Health Team Palliative Care Program



In just over a year, the program provided palliative care for a variety of diagnoses such as cancer, COPD, kidney failure, restricted lung disease and other life limiting to over 28 patients. The program is available to non-rostered, rostered and unattached patients. Since the program initially started, we have expanded our catchment area from Blind River to include Thessalon, Bruce Mines and Richards Landing as referrals are now coming from our urban hospitals upon discharge along with neighboring FHT's that do not offer the program. The goal of the program is to provide advanced care planning that is individualized and fluid. The program provides advanced care planning that is individualized and fluid. It improves patient and caregiver experiences by addressing their goals, needs and concerns. It strengthens community involvement in providing person-centered care. It also fosters transitions, pathways and accessibility while also providing bereavement support to family and friends.