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## The Community Paramedic Program Initiative:

The Lanark County Paramedic Service is working with the Ministry of Health, local Physicians, and Community Services to provide mobile healthcare in our County. Community Paramedicine allows Paramedics to apply their training and skills beyond the traditional role of providing emergency response.

## **Program Objectives:**

- 1. Contribute to the overall quality of life for people living at home, retirement and/or congregate settings.
- 2. Provide education to clients regarding their health.
- 3. Help bridge health service delivery gaps in the community.
- 4. Provide diagnostics and treatments at home as an extension of Primary Care.
- 5. Keep clients where they want to be, at home and out of the hospital.

## Clinical Practice Guidelines: (Approved by Dr. Steve Walker-Community Paramedic Medical Director)

- Oxygen, MDI (Salbutamol, Ipratropium) and Prednisone treatments for COPD
- I.V. fluids for Hyperglycemia (Possible Rapid Insulin administration after consult with Primary Care Physician)
- Phlebotomy/Capillary blood sampling. (Coaguchek INR)
- Urinalysis (Facilitating antibiotic treatment and administration)
- I.V./I.M. Dimenhydrinate for nausea and vomiting
- Lasix/Nitro for CHF (Patch point with Primary Care Physician)
- Ketorolac, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen for analgesia
- Influenza testing and treatment (anti-virals, I.V. fluids, anti-pyretics, Loperamide Hydrochloride)
- COVID-19 home testing, assessment, monitoring
- I.V. Dextrose (or Glucagon if I.V. not possible) for Hypoglycemia

## Assessements Include:

Vital signs ECG (4 lead/12lead) Glucose Mini Mental Assessment Environmental Scan Med Compliance Wellness Assessment Risk Assessment (Trip & Fall)

If you have a patient that you think would benefit from our service, please use the attached referral form. All assessments and treatment reports are securely faxed to your office.