



Resources for Decision Making

1. Consultation to the Southern Health-Santé Sud Palliative Care Team should be considered when:

- a. The healthcare team does not possess expertise assessing the need for or administering Sedation for Palliative Purposes (SPP).
- b. SPP is being considered in a care settings which may have limited exposure to this intervention.
- c. Consensus cannot be reached regarding the use of SPP.
- d. Uncertainty exists about decision-making.
- e. There are questions or concerns regarding prognostication in the context of assessing an individual for SPP.

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Palliative Care Team is available for consultation Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Southern Health-Santé Sud Palliative Care physicians may be available for consultation outside of these hours.

For assistance with decision-making when the Southern Health-Santé Sud Palliative Care Team is not available, health care teams may call the WRHA Palliative Care service:

- WRHA Adult Palliative Care Program- via St. Boniface Hospital paging at (204) 237-2053.
- WRHA Pediatric Palliative Care Program- (204) 787-2071 to page the physician on call for 'Pediatric Palliative Care'.

2. If there are differences in opinion between the patient/SDM/ family and/or members of the healthcare team, consider the following additional resources for assistance:

- a. Second opinions;
- b. Ethics committees and/ or services (Ethical Decision Making Framework CLI.1810.PL.005);
- c. Available pain or symptom management specialists;
- d. Available religious or spiritual care advisors;
- e. Available cultural advisors;
- f. Available psychosocial support advisors;
- g. Patient advocates; and/or
- h. Other facility or regional resources for support.