

**THE COMMUNITY GERIATRIC PROGRAM** is a specialized outreach service for people 65 years and over who are affected by dementia, major affective disorder, or other severe mental illnesses.

Multidisciplinary in nature, the program consists of psychiatry, social work and nursing. The team operates out of Surrey Mental Health and Addictions Centre.

Clients may live in their own home, in supportive housing, in continuing care facilities, or may require admission to or discharge from Riverview Hospital.

Services are offered at no cost to individuals, their families, or service providers.

## **POPULATION SERVED**

Aged 65+ with no significant prior history of psychiatric

problems and who have a dementia with associated psychiatric and/or behaviour management problems.

Chronically mentally ill aged 65+ who have developed complicating disorders arising from an age-related decline in physical and mental health.

Aged under 65 with a pre-senile dementing disorder associated with physical, psychiatric and/or behaviour Management.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Long term mentally ill elderly without complicating disorders.

Elderly with dementia without complicated psychiatric and/or behaviour management problems

Individuals with neurological disorders not associated with old age.

## **SERVICES PROVIDED**

Specialized multidisciplinary assessment of psychiatric, social physical and functional status.

Treatment/intervention targeted towards alleviation or stabilization of psychiatric/behavioural symptomatology, which may include short-term individual or family counselling.

Follow-up elderly individuals returning to or being maintained in the community.

Consultations to primary caregivers and service providers.

Education to primary caregivers and service providers.

**Call to see how  
we can help.  
(604) 953-4900**

## REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Referrals to the program may be made by anyone. Please contact the Intake Worker at Phone: (604) 953-4900 or Fax: (604) 953-4906

## REFERRAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

Presenting problem or concern, duration, severity and/or persistence of the problem.

Specific service or outcome desired (eg. Assessment, consultation for behaviour management, consultation regarding medication, etc.).

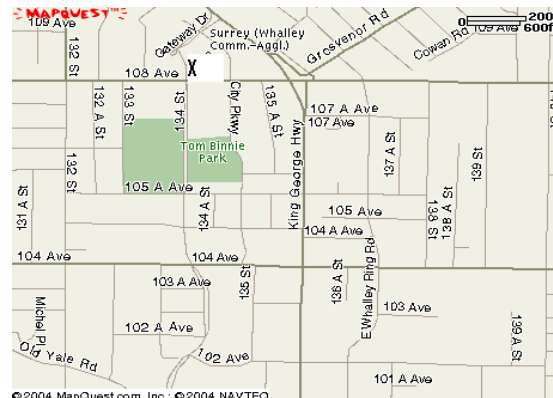
Summary of relevant back ground information (eg. Family history).

Current list of all medications and/or recent medication changes, medical status and any recent medical test results.

## For More information on the Community Geriatric Psychiatric Program, Please call (604) 953-4900

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