

## **When would I go to the hospital?**

We try not to send you to the hospital if at all possible. The hospital is not always the best place for you. Your care team in your care home knows you best. We will continue to care for you in the care home unless absolutely necessary.

Should you need to go to the hospital, your medical professional will talk with you and your family about it and what the next steps are.

## **Can I stay in the care home to the end of my life?**

Yes, your care team works with you to meet your physical, social, spiritual and emotional needs until the end of your life. Our focus is to keep you comfortable and support you and your family.

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## **Medical Care in Care Homes**



Many residents wonder how they will get medical care when they move into a care home. All of our care homes have a group of medical professionals (medical doctors and nurse practitioners) who:

- specialize in caring for seniors
- regularly visit the care home
- provide medical care to all residents

You will meet one of the medical professionals shortly after you move in.

### **How often do medical professionals visit?**

The medical professional visits you at least once every three months. If there is a change in your health, they visit you more often. If you wish to see or speak to your medical professional, ask your nurse to contact them.

### **What kind of medical care can I get?**

Our medical professionals are part of your care team. Your care team can include a care aide, nurse, doctor, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, social worker, and others. Together, we review your medicines regularly to make sure they continue to work for you. We have regular meetings with you and your family to talk about any medical concerns and ways to improve your quality of life.

### **Are medical tests done in the care home?**

Some medical tests can be done in the care home such as blood and urine tests. If you need an x-ray, we arrange for you to be taken to an x-ray clinic in the community or in the hospital.



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### **What if I have a change in my health?**

During regular working hours, we call your main medical professional. After hours and on weekends, we can contact one of the other medical professionals in the group. This way you can get medical care 24 hours a day when needed.