

Capacity Planning for Older Adult Care: A Regional Approach

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Capacity Planning Discussion

- Regional Context
- The Opportunity
- Putting it into Practice

Context: The System of Older Adult Care in Ontario

Provincial Leadership



Coordinates the provincial infrastructure for geriatric care:

- Planning & capacity building
- Clinical model and knowledge creation & evidence dissemination
- Performance measurement & evaluation
- Policy development

Regional Infrastructure

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Central



North Simcoe Muskoka
Specialized Geriatric Services

West



Waterloo Wellington
Older Adult Strategy



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seniors care network



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Local Impact



Providing direct care to Individuals & Family/ Friend Caregivers

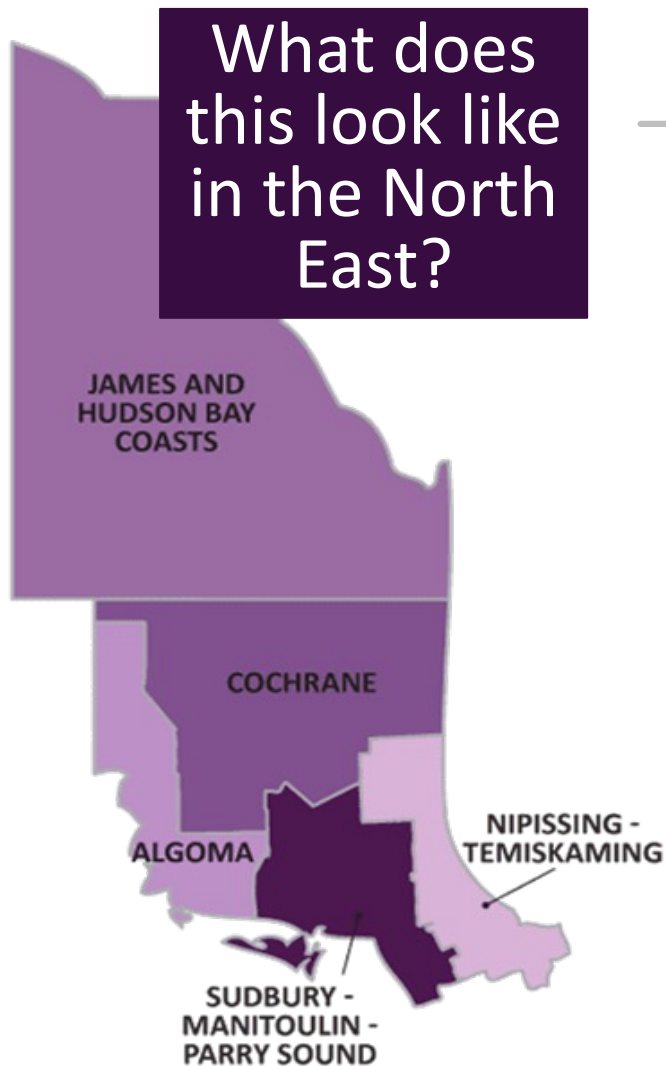


Working with Primary Care



Supporting the work of Local Ontario Health Teams

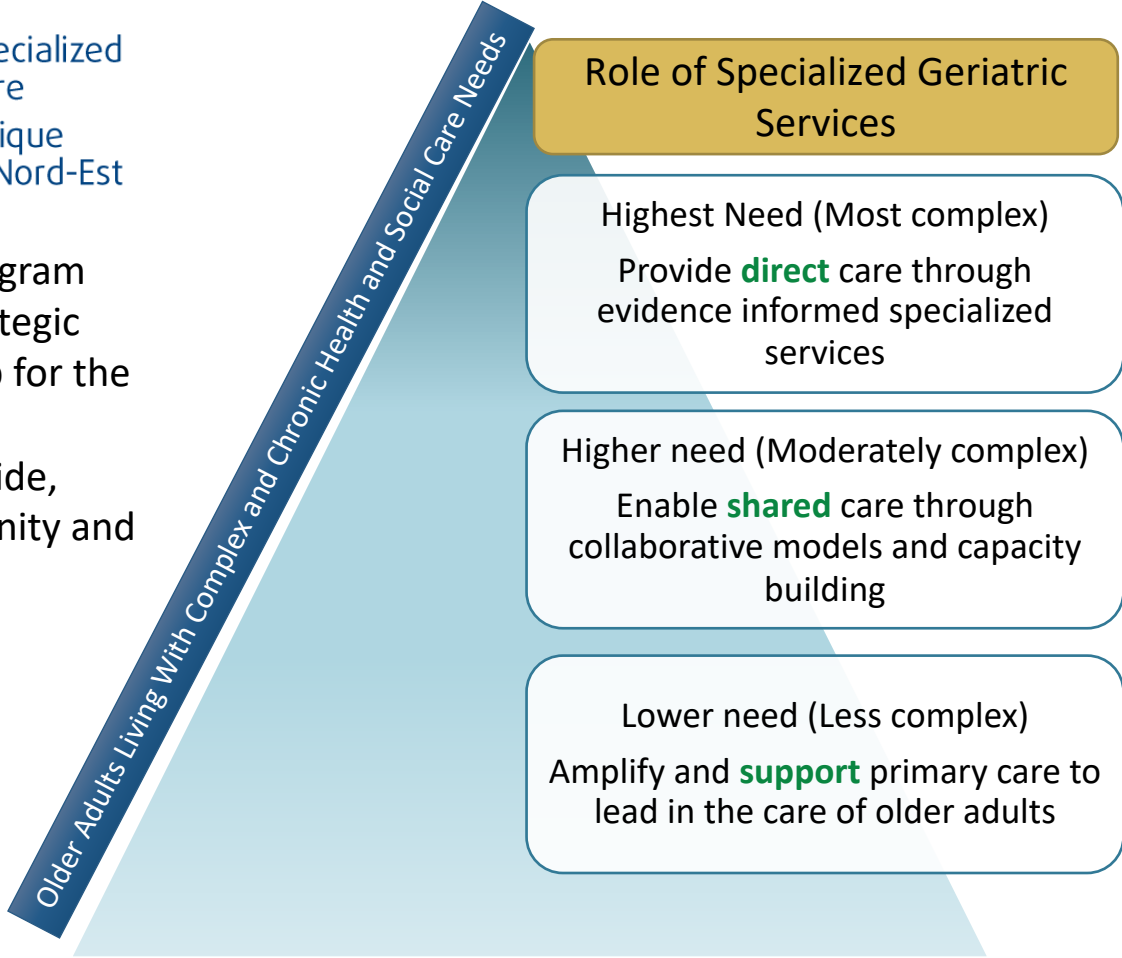
The North East Regional Geriatric Program



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As a Regional Geriatric Program (RGP) NESGC provides strategic and operational leadership for the implementation of clinical geriatric services region-wide, working with local community and health partners across the continuum of care.

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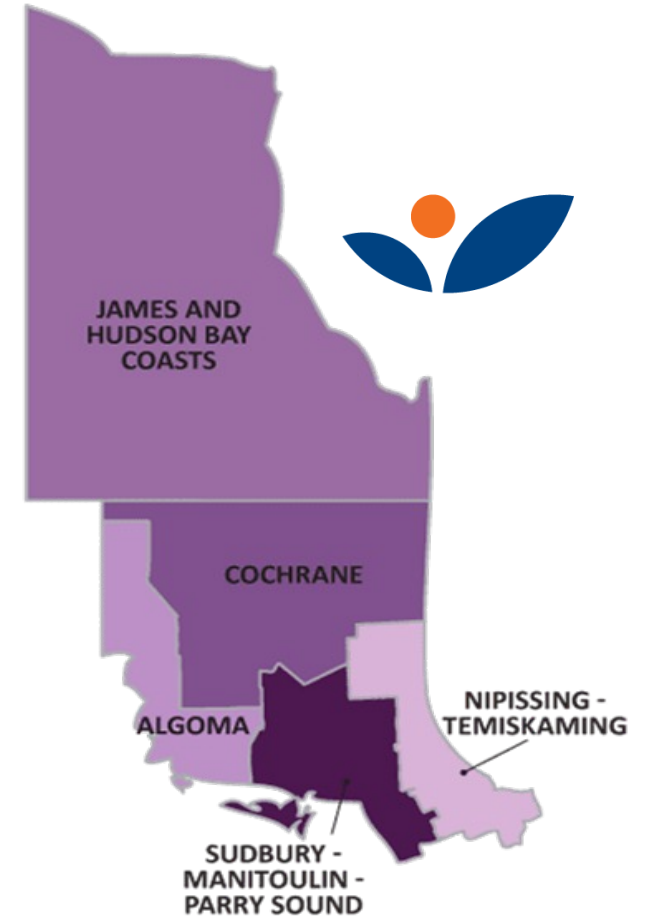
Capacity Planning - Regional Application



Provincial (Macro) Contribution

Care for older adults living with frailty

- Population
- Care needs
- Clinical services
- Current state assessment
- Planning Considerations
- Future state capacity plans



Regional (Meso) Application

What's the Opportunity?

Alternate Level of Care (ALC)

- Provincial priority focus
- ALC improvement must extend the continuum of care – not just a hospital problem
- Immediate reduction in ALC requires a system approach
- Impacts EVERYONE and requires working in partnership – patients, caregivers, providers, system

ALC Initiatives:

	Capacity Maximization
	Admission Diversion
	Discharge Supports
	Additional Local Strategies



Informed by regional SGS
capacity planning efforts





1. Population

What we know...

Who is becoming ALC? Who is most at-risk?

- Majority are over the age of 65, with increasing risk noted over the age of 75

- In Ontario

80%

Age 65+

64%

Age 75+

Common Characteristics

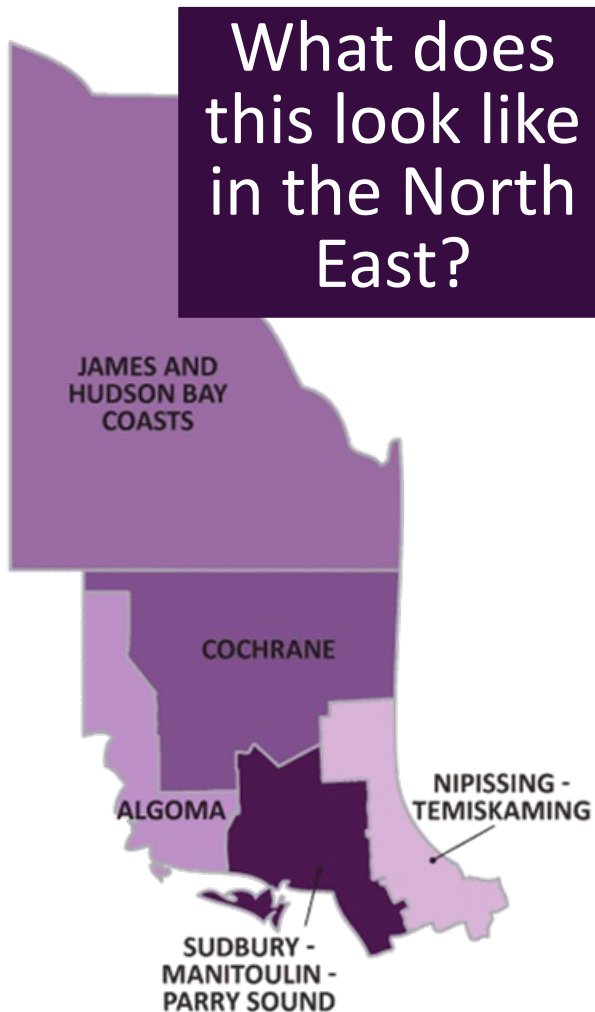
- An admitting diagnosis that includes general medical illness (e.g. infections), falls and dementia;
- Presence of functional or cognitive impairments, & multiple comorbidities;
- Experience of adverse events during admission – functional decline, delirium, falls, social isolation;
- Caregiver stress



Age Cohort

What data is required to understand the population designated ALC and ‘at-risk’ for ALC?

What does
this look like
in the North
East?



Batch 1 Priority Locations

ALC Cases by Age Cohort 2021-22	Age 65+	Age 75+
ALL NORTH EAST	85%	65%
Greater Sudbury	84%	65%
Parry Sound	88%	68%
Sault Ste. Marie	83%	63%
North Bay	85%	66%
Timmins	84%	59%
New Liskeard	92%	72%



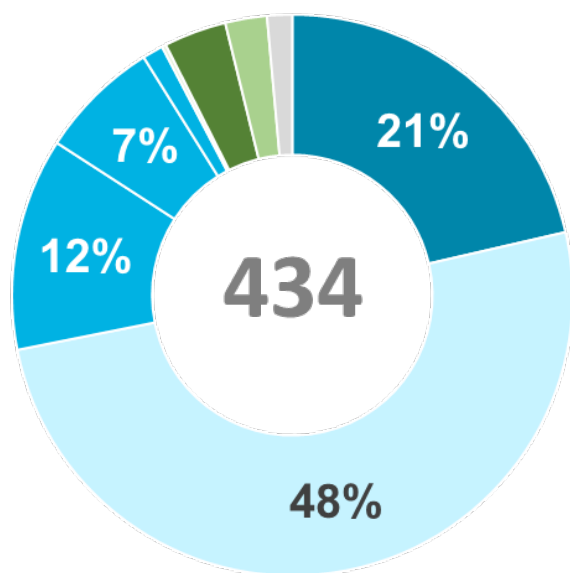
ALC Open Cases

What care are people waiting for?

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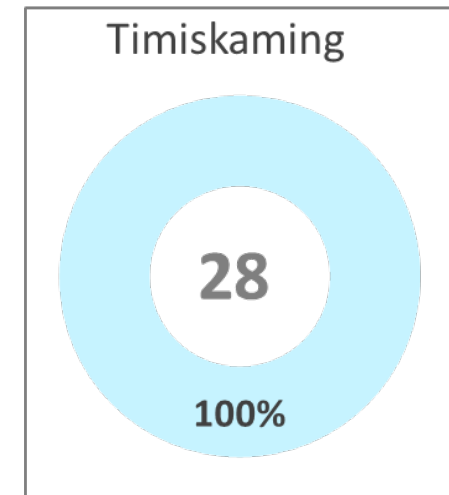
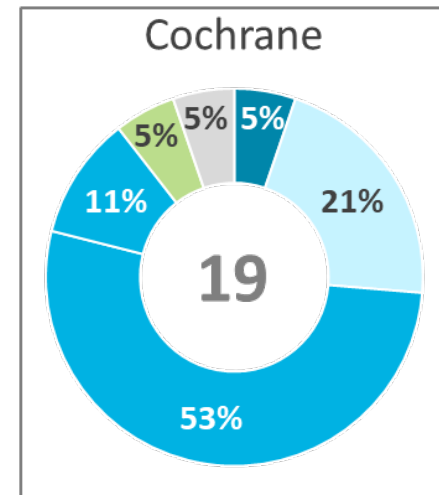
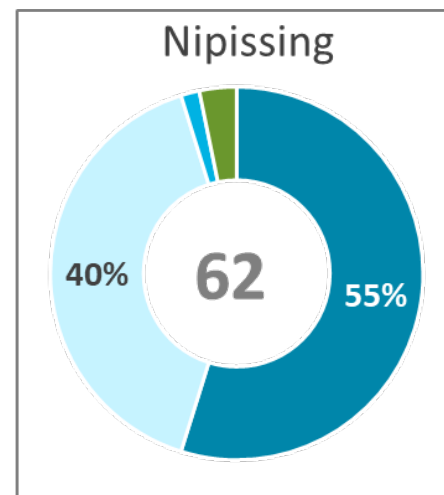
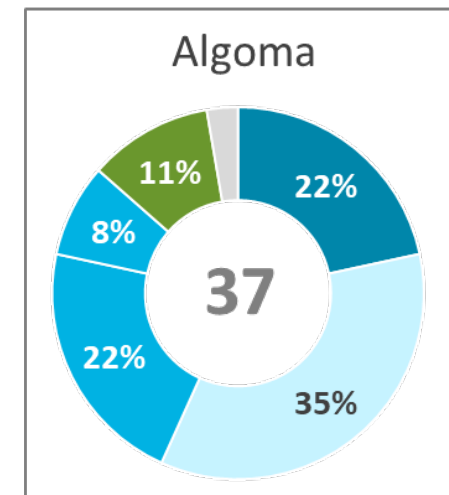
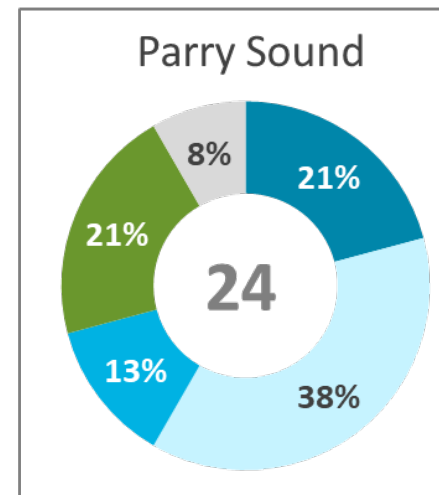
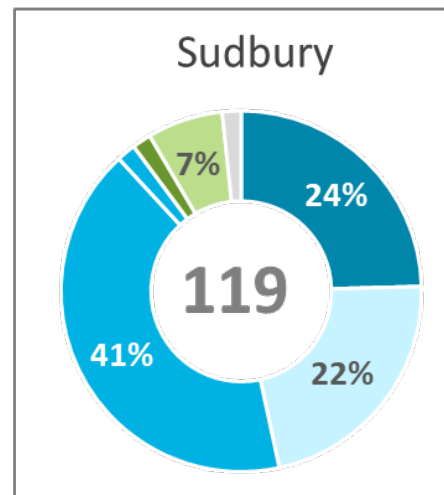


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Aggregate of NE
Hospitals
(n=25)

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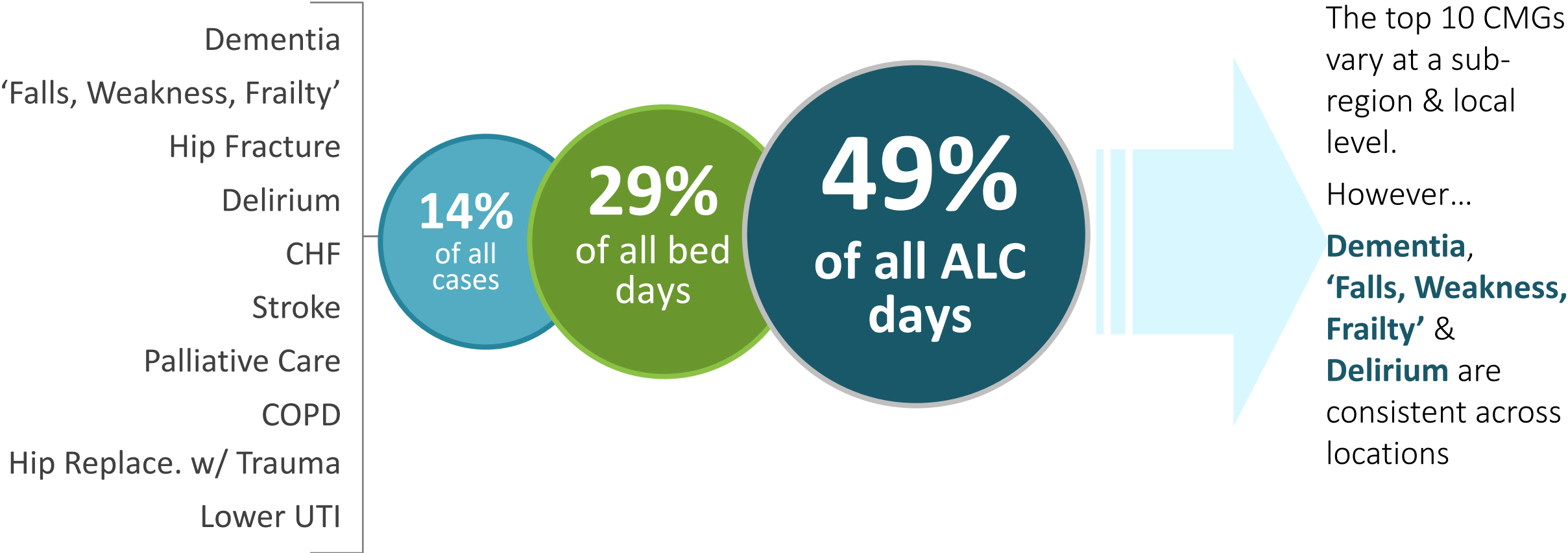
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ALC Case Mix Groups (CMGs)



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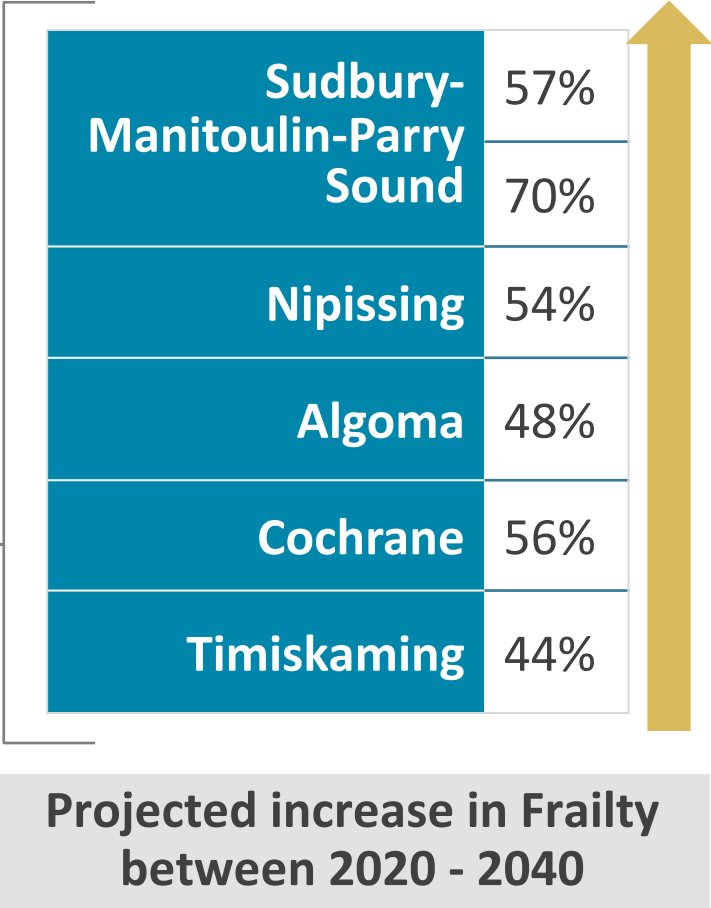
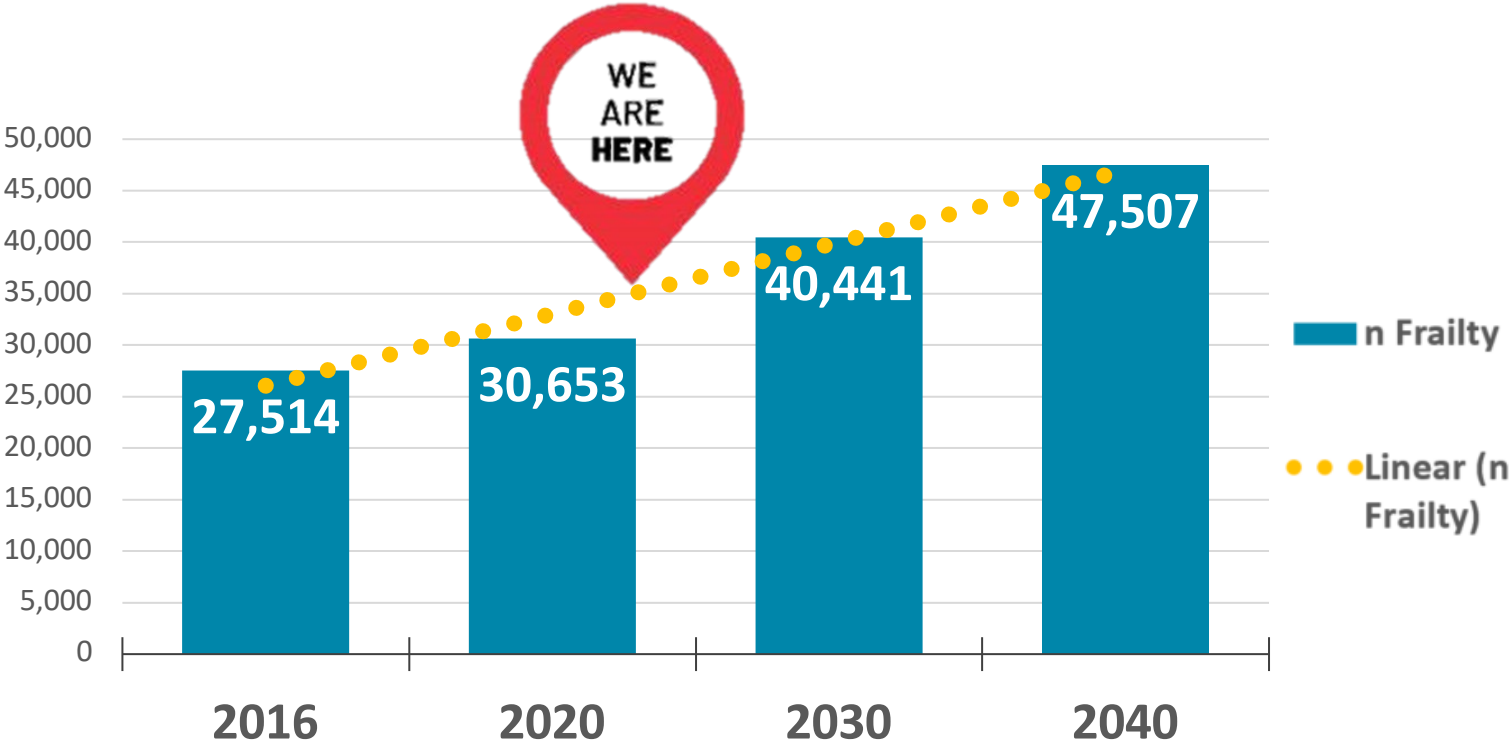
Top 10 CMG's by ALC Cases – FY 2021-22



Frailty Projections

While most older adults live healthy and active lives, a small portion become frail and are at risk of avoidable hospitalization and avoidable or premature institutionalization.

North East Population Projections
for Older Adults with Frailty





2. Care Needs

- Older adults require a holistic approach to care and services that incorporates an individual's physical, mental and cognitive health to prevent disease, optimize health and enable function.
- These requirements necessitate a comprehensive and integrated approach to care

Provincial Clinical Guidelines

- ✓ **sfCare**TM
- ✓ Interprofessional CGA Competency Framework
- ✓ Rehabilitative Care Best Practice for Older Adults Living With/At-Risk of Frailty
- ✓ Post-Fall Rehabilitative Care Pathway
- ✓ Direct Access Priority Process
- ✓ Quality Standards:
Dementia; Behavioural Symptoms of Dementia; Delirium; Transitions from Hospital to Home; Hip Fracture; Palliative Care
- ✓ The Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Leading Practices Guide
- ✓ PIECES of my Personhood & Supporting Transitions

Standard of Care for Older Adults Living with Complexity and Frailty (1-12)			
Core Components			
Core Elements of Care	Older Person & Care Partner Engagement		
	Equitable & Culturally Appropriate Care		
	Interprofessional Teams		
	Specialized Geriatric Expertise		
	Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA)		
	Evaluation		
Processes of Care	Early Identification		
	Comprehensive Assessment		
	Care Planning (includes Advanced Care Planning)		
	Intervention		
	Transitions		
Domains of Care	Cognition	Polypharmacy	Continence
	Social Engagement	Nutrition & Hydration	Pain
	Mobility & Falls	Delirium	Mood & Mental Health
	Skin Integrity	Function	Sleep



3. Clinical Services

Provincial



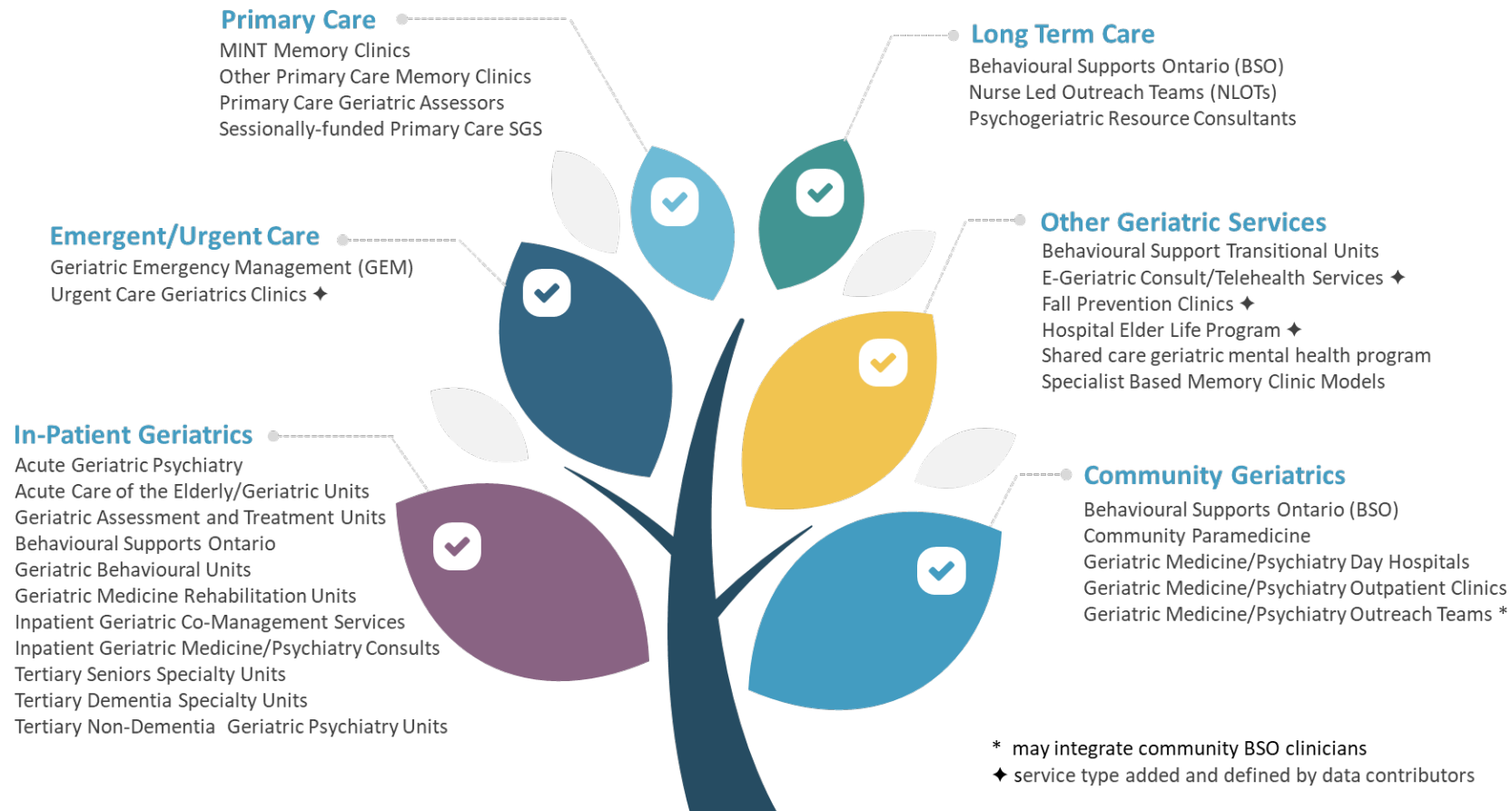
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Local

Health Service Providers across the continuum of care



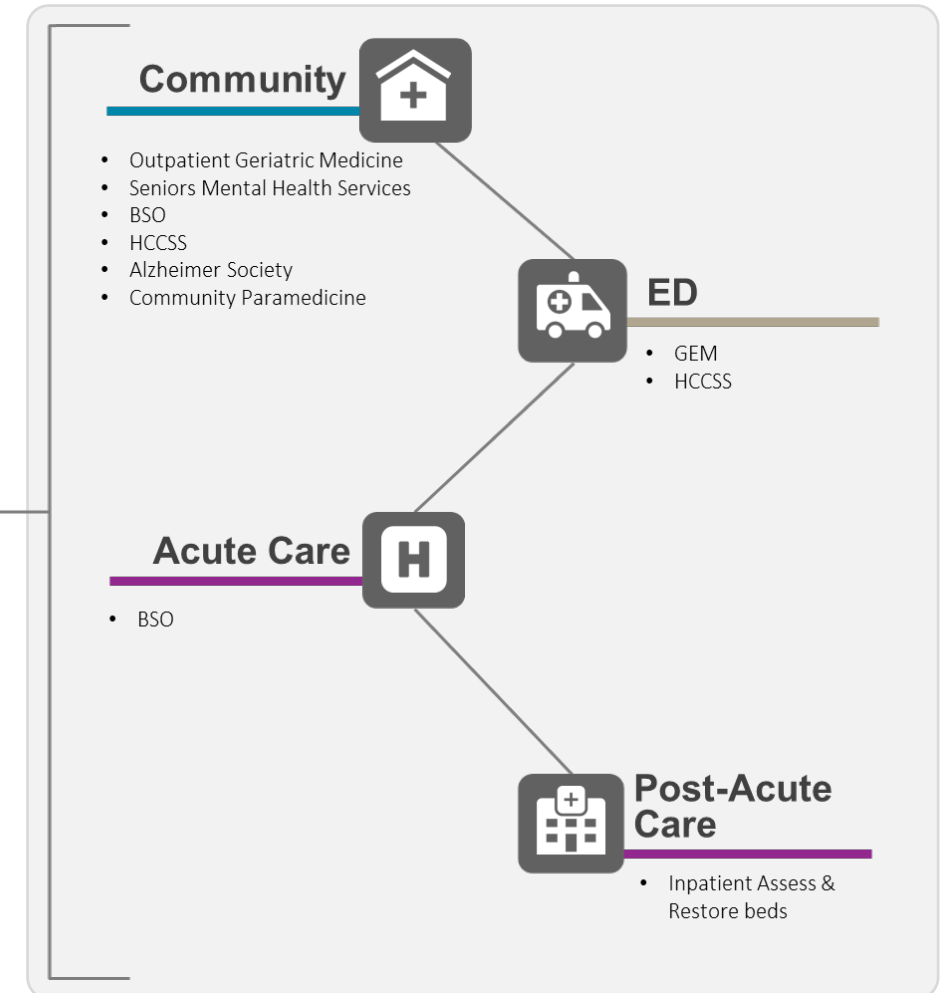


5. Planning Considerations

How does this all go together across the continuum to create a care pathway for older adults?

Current State Care Pathway

- What is the current scope/goal of each service?
- Who is part of your team?
- How are patients identified for each service?
- How does each service's assessment support identification of patient needs?
- What interventions are provided by each service?
- How do teams collaborate to provide optimal care to this population?
- How do patients transition between services and throughout the continuum?





Building Forward

Enabling Future State Integration:



Community



- **Outpatient Geriatric Medicine**
- Seniors Mental Health Services
- BSO
- HCCSS
- Alzheimer Society
- Community Paramedicine
- **Outpatient Geriatric Rehab**



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- **GEM**
- HCCSS

Acute Care



- BSO
- **Geriatric Inpatient Consult Team**



Post-Acute Care

- **Inpatient Geriatric Rehab**



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