

Physician and Practitioner Fact Sheet

Nursing and wound care services

Wound care pathways

Care plans for wound care patients follow one of our standardized best practice treatment pathways that have been developed through an interprofessional approach by experts across the province.

The following wound care pathways provide consistent treatment plans to heal or manage wounds:

- Closed Surgical Wound with Drain
- Arterial Leg Ulcer
- Assessment
- Diabetic Foot Ulcer
- Maintenance Wound
- Non-healing Wound
- Ostomy
- Pilonidal Sinus
- Pressure Ulcer
- Surgical Wound
- Traumatic Wound
- Venous Leg Ulcer

All patients on a wound care pathway are seen by a wound care specialist or enterostomal nurse within the first month of treatment.



If known, specify the patient's wound etiology and diagnosis on your referral form.



The Mississauga Halton LHIN coordinates nursing services for patients of all ages at home or in the community. Our care coordinators connect patients to the most appropriate levels of care through personalized care plans to help them leave hospital, stay at home safely or recover from illness or surgery.

All patients referred to the Mississauga Halton LHIN will be assessed by our highly trained care coordinators who will determine the most appropriate level of nursing care based on each patients' needs and supports.

Patients will receive their nursing care in a clinic setting unless otherwise determined through our care coordinator's assessment. Patients are reassessed for clinic suitability throughout their care.

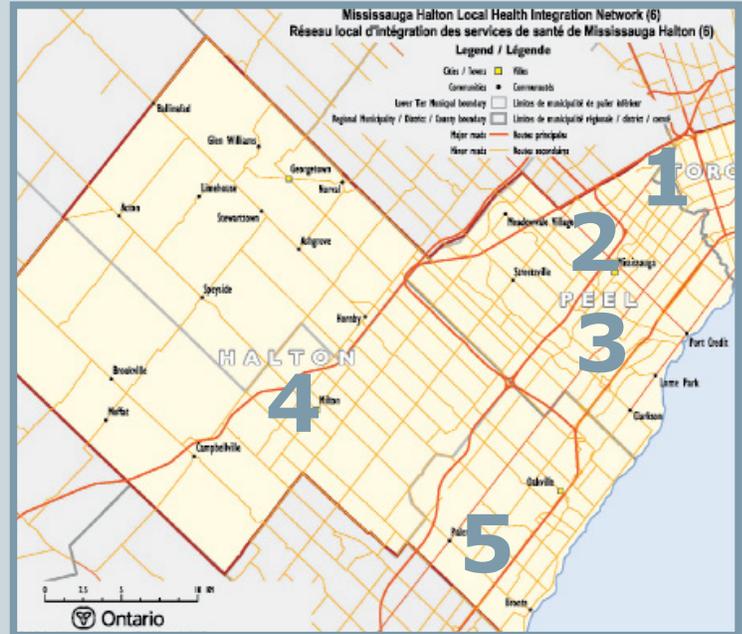
In determining the best care plan and location for a patient's nursing care, our care coordinators take into consideration cognition, safety risks and functional status in the completion of the assessment.

Positive clinical outcomes for patients

- Closure rates for wounds treated in clinic are 78-93% (average of 90%) and 58-87% (average of 79%) for care received in home.
- Average length of time and number of visits for patients receiving wound care in clinic setting is lower than those receiving care in-home.

Community clinic locations

1. **Closing the Gap**
2810 Matheson Blvd. East, Suite 100, Mississauga
2. **Bayshore Home Health**
25 Watline Avenue, Ground Floor 17, Mississauga
3. **Spectrum Health Care**
1300 Central Parkway West, Suite 105, Mississauga
4. **Acclaim** – two locations
310 Main Street East, Suite 104, Milton
5. **Acclaim**
2370 Speers Road, Oakville



Community nursing clinics

Community nursing clinics are staffed with qualified teams of health professionals with expertise in wound care and other nursing treatments.

Receiving care in a clinic setting allows patients to take a proactive role in their recovery. Clinic staff will work with patients to schedule an appointment that best suits their needs and patients can receive care at a location that is most convenient for them.

It is our experience that wherever possible, our patients seek independence and community nursing clinics can provide that opportunity. Clinics also provide socialization for those who are isolated in the community.

Visits to a community clinic for nursing care are by appointment only; clinics do not accept walk-in appointments. If a patient requires transportation support, our care coordinators will help identify options in the community.

Care provided in a community clinic

- Wound care, enterostomal therapist consultation, compression therapy, offloading and debriding
- Negative-pressure wound therapy (VAC)
- Drains; chest tubes, nephrostomy, Jackson-Pratt drain
- IV therapy (including intermates)
- Catheter care (select locations)
- Diabetic assessment, screening and support
- Peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line removal
- Injections
- Chemotherapy disconnection

How do I refer a patient to the Mississauga Halton LHIN or speak to my patient's care coordinator?

- Call 310-2222 (no area code required)
- Speak to a Mississauga Halton LHIN care coordinator in your hospital (located at all sites of Halton Healthcare and Trillium Health Partners)
- Fax in a referral to Mississauga Halton LHIN (905-855-8989)

Find out more about the Mississauga Halton LHIN and how we can help your patients:

www.healthcareathome.ca/mh
www.mississaugahaltonhealthline.ca

The Mississauga Halton LHIN is open seven days a week, 365 days a year.

