

Palliative Care Hospital Consultation

McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Montreal General Hospital

The consult service sees an average of 45 new patients per month referred from all inpatient wards, ambulatory clinics, ICU/CCU and the emergency room. The palliative care service also participates in interdisciplinary lung clinic, radiation oncology and, soon, gynaecological oncology clinics.

The palliative day hospital receives referrals from throughout the community and MUHC hospitals and sees approximately 30 patients/week. The day hospital also runs a lymphedema clinic. The new cancer-pain clinic has a palliative care specialist, a radiation-oncologist and an interventional anaesthesiologist who work together with a nurse to manage pain in patients in any phase of their illness and help to transition to PC. The cancer rehab/cachexia clinic is also interdisciplinary and helps maintain function in patients with progressive disease.

The resident will spend a one-month rotation combining consultations at the Montreal General Hospital (a tertiary, university-based hospital) with day-hospital out-patient clinics, cancer-pain clinics, anorexia-cachexia clinics and lymphedema clinics.

The resident will have a weekend of call during this month, covering the consultation service and the palliative care ward.