The palliative consult service (based at the RVH site) serves all three sites listed above. It is comprised of 4 doctors, a consult nurse, volunteers and a psychologist. This active service receives consults from all inpatient wards, clinics (particularly oncology day clinic and radiation oncology clinic) and the emergency room. The service receives on average 30 to 40 new consults per month. The palliative medicine consultant also visits the Montreal Chest Hospital weekly and gets consulted for patients with brain malignancies at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

The RVH has medical (solid tumours such as breast, gynaecological, ENT and hepatobiliary cancers), haematological and surgical oncology services. The resident will spend a one-month rotation later on in his/her training at the RVH doing consultations throughout this hospital, as well as the Montreal Neurological Hospital (MNH) and Montreal Chest Institute (MCI). Here, the resident will be expected to be more independent, ensuring continuity of care along with the consult nurse.

The resident will do a weekend call during this rotation, covering the consult service at the RVH, the MNI and MCI.