

# Acute Care Clinical Leader Program

## Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO)

As a part of HNHB BSO strategy, the BSO Clinical Leader Program supports complex older adults with cognitive impairment and **responsive behaviours**\* in hospital. BSO Clinical Leaders are based from Niagara Health System, Brant Community Healthcare System, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, and Hamilton Health Sciences. Clinical Leaders serve all hospitals within the HNHB region.

### Who does the BSO Clinical Leader serve?

- Patients in hospital with cognitive impairment and responsive behaviours. The BSO Clinical Leader can consult when these behaviours have presented as a barrier to the provision of care, or acceptance into Long-Term Care or other discharge destinations.

### How can the BSO Clinical Leader help?

The BSO Clinical Leader collaborates with the hospital team to:

- Understand the triggers of, and strategies to manage responsive behaviours using information gained from person centered assessments, observations from hospital staff, and history obtained from the patient and care partners. The Clinical Leader assists in developing a care plan recommending strategies, monitors the effectiveness, and shares them with the receiving discharge destination.
- Identify educational opportunities for staff and explore ways of meeting these educational needs.
- Share information between hospital, Long-Term Care and community partners to develop plans that promote timely acceptance and smooth transition to an appropriate discharge destination.



**I am who I am, so help me continue to be me.**

### \*What are responsive behaviours?

- Any behaviour that is in response to a real or perceived stimulus and may result in increased risk for the client or others.
- The behaviour may present a challenge to receiving appropriate care or co-existing with others.
- Responsive refers to the fact that many of these behaviours could respond to appropriate and timely interventions, and may be occurring as a result of an unmet need or desire that can no longer be communicated.

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