

Is a Behavioural Specialized Unit Right for my Patient?

Behavioural Specialized Units (BSU) serve patients who have a primary diagnosis of dementia and/or significant behavioural disturbances that cannot be managed in the community or a regular long-term care home. They are equipped to offer residents living with responsive behaviours enhanced levels of care that is patient-centered and founded in evidence-based practice. The BSU length of stay is not a fixed period and will depend on the resident and the ability to safely transition the patient to other care, but is typically around 120 days.

Your patient <i>may</i> be eligible if:		Your patient <i>may not</i> be eligible if:	
Are they eligible for long-term care?	If yes, contact Ontario Health atHome for more information.	Is their cognitive impairment due to a psychiatric disorder?	If yes, unfortunately, BSU may not be an option at this time. Please contact Ontario Health atHome for more information.
Do they have a diagnosis of progressive Dementia?		Do they have severe responsive or violent behaviours that are resistant to treatment?	
Are they medically stable (including mental health diagnoses)?		Is their ABS > 0 and CPS2 = 0 ?	
Are they exhibiting behaviours that cannot be managed in the current environment or long-term care home?		Are they experiencing acute delirium or suicidal ideation?	

**Some eligibility criteria may be reconsidered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Ontario Health atHome for more information.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this service, or would like more information please contact Ontario Health atHome **1-800-263-3877** • ontariohealthathome.ca