



Older Adult Mental Health Services

Come join our friendly, hard working interdisciplinary team!

Acute psychiatric hospitalization provides multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment services to stabilize acute symptoms in a safe environment. After stabilization, inpatient services link the patient to community mental health and addiction services for follow-up and continued treatment and recovery.

About our Team

These highly skilled professionals work together to provide biopsychosocial assessment and rehabilitation for older adults. Our interdisciplinary team consists of physicians, registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, licensed practical nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, recreational therapists, recreational therapy assistants, resident care aids, and unit clerks.

OUR DEPARTMENT/FACILITY

Our inpatient units in Victoria are Kenning 2 and Watson 2 located on the second floor in the Memorial Pavilion at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Kenning 2 provides care in single, semi-private, and four-bed units for 28 patients experiencing psychiatric difficulties. Many of these patients experience medical and cognitive co-morbidity requiring the expert skills of nursing staff working to full scope of practice.

Watson 2 provides care for 10 patients with advanced cognitive disabilities. Services include behavioural stabilization (through medication adjustment, ward milieu, and care approach) and support of medical and psychiatric co-morbidities.

Unique Features

The biopsychosocial approach used in the Kenning and Watson units is a unique method used to provide care for the older adult population. This approach builds on the strengths of the patient, family, and community to return the individual to a setting that best supports their recovery. Assessment and treatment information is shared at family conferences and goals for discharge are developed with the patient and family.

Benefits of Working Here

- The two units provide island wide tertiary care with admissions from as far away as Port McNeil.
- Working within a highly motivated interdisciplinary team, staff benefit from a work experience that provides them with full medical and psychiatric practice translatable to many other acute care areas.
- We offer excellent work environments as well as a comprehensive package of employer-paid benefits.
- Victoria is a beautiful city that boasts a wealth of outdoor activities (year round golf, soccer, football, running, hiking, kayaking, etc) and varied night time entertainment (theatre, symphony, night clubs, etc.).

