



Rural Assess and Restore Community Program – Pilot Project

Senior Friendly Hospital & Rehabilitation Network Symposium

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Overview of Pilot Project

- **Develop and test a proof of concept for an assess and restore delivery model for high risk seniors that identifies service components appropriate to a rural setting**
- **Collaborative project co-lead by Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital and the Regional Geriatric Program of Eastern Ontario**
- **Oversight provided by the Rehabilitation Network of Champlain (RNOC)**
- **Steering committee comprised of regional partners meeting regularly to provide guidance and support throughout system level planning and implementation**

Objectives of Pilot

- **Combine a Geriatric Emergency Management (Gem) Nurse and a Community Geriatric Assessor role in a rural community to identify and assess high risk seniors.**
- **Improve access to Specialized Geriatric Services and Community Support Services**
- **Test the effectiveness of the Assessment Urgency Algorithm (AUA) ED Screener as a screening tool to identify seniors at risk.**

Combined GEM & Geriatric Assessor Role

Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) :

- A program aimed at identifying ***seniors at risk*** who will be discharged home from the ED, in order to initiate ***early referral*** to Specialized Geriatric Services and Community Support Services

Geriatric Assessor:

- Provides a multidimensional screening home assessment to clients ≥ 65 who live in their home or Retirement Home
- Receives referrals through inpatient discharges or GEM
- Supports Care of the Elderly physician in the clinic

Combined GEM & Geriatric Assessor Role

- Time is divided between GEM nurse and Geriatric Assessor roles
- Building capacity

Keys To Success:

- Candidate right fit
- Collaboration with community partners
- Education
- Communication
- Link with Physician (ACE)

Pilot Results to Date

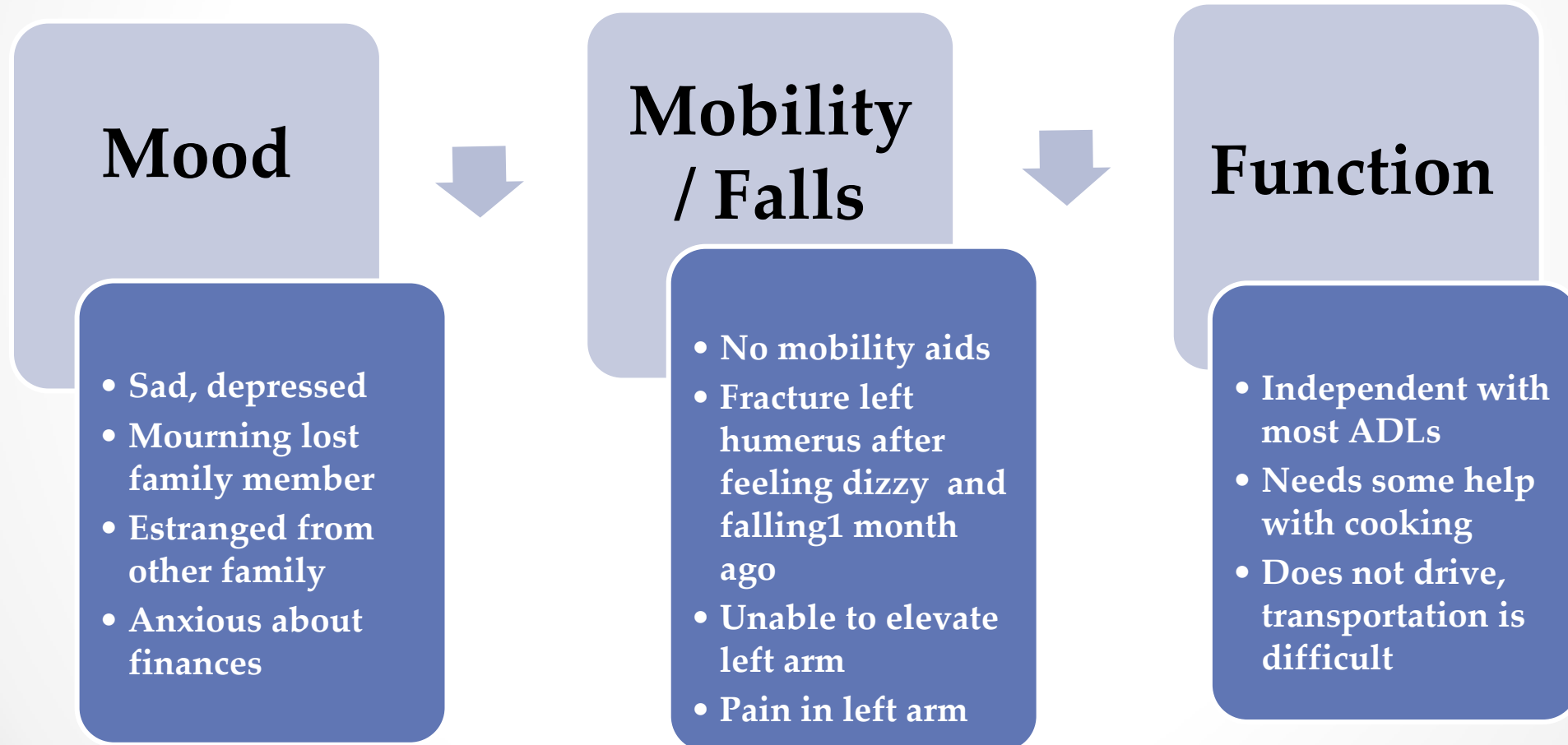
Assess & Restore Rural Pilot Project Statistics: September 14 - December 31, 2015

	GEM STATISTICS	OUTREACH STATISTICS	COMBINED
Assessments	85	9	94
Almonte Day Hospital Referrals	12	4	16
Geriatric Clinic Referrals	8	3	11
CCAC Referrals	20	2	22
Going Home Program Referrals	22	0	22
Lanark County Mental Health Referrals	7	0	7

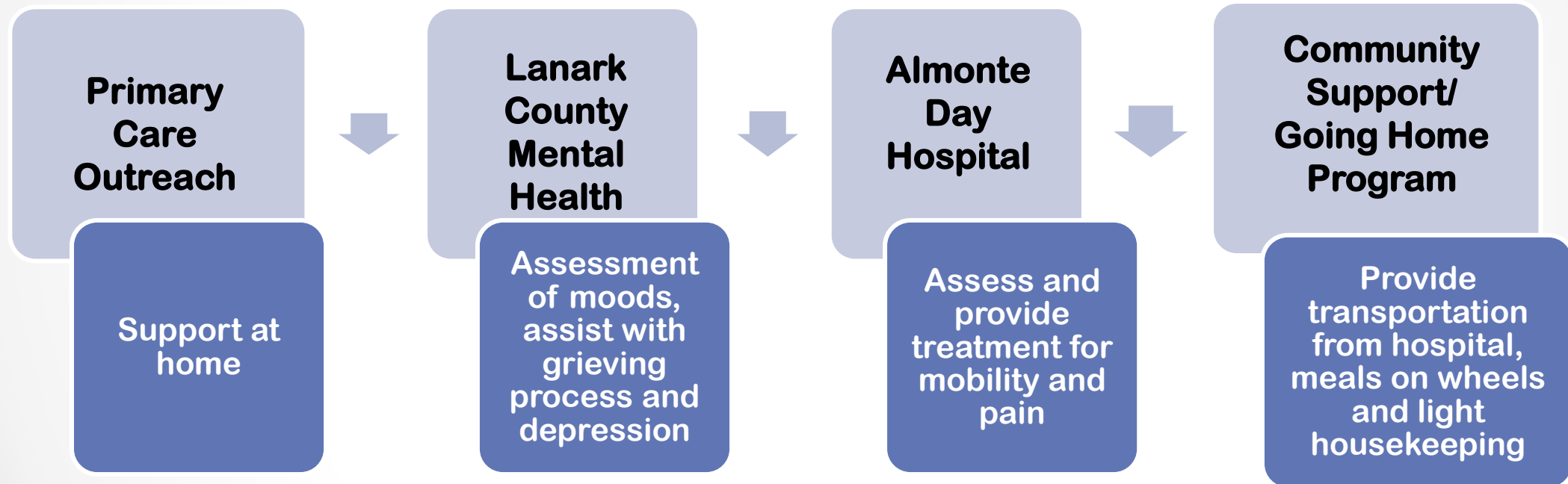
Case Study

- 84 year old female
- Presented to Emergency Department (ED) at CPDMH
- Complaints of pain, and personal care issues. Patient has a humerus fracture from a fall last month.
- Geriatric assessment done in the ED by GEM.
- Recommendations were implemented based on findings from the GEM assessment

Issues identified through Geriatric Assessment in ED



Recommendations Implemented



Discussion and Questions

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