Pediatric Palliative Care (QoLA Care) IP

Please contact Dr. Dave Lysecki at lyseckdl@mcmaster.ca to arrange your rotation. The rotation fills up very quickly, and a limited number of learners can be on at a time, so please contact early to arrange.

Objectives:
• What is Pediatric Palliative Care? Hospice care?
• Pain management in infants and children, including those with neurologic impairment
• Develop an approach to Advance Care planning
• Understand end of life care and planning
• Understand Ethics including withholding/withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies including artificial nutrition and hydration; medical assistance in dying in pediatrics.
• Understand home care and resources available
• Understand aspects of parental and childhood grief

Opportunities:
• Inpatient rounds
• Outpatient clinic visits
• Teleconference home visits
• Home visits when available
• Family/team/ethics meetings
• Palliative Care Academic Rounds Wed AM
• Hospice tour
• Home visit shadow with LHIN or Interlink RN
• Division of Palliative Care educational opportunities including journal club, as available.

Teaching topics:
• Intro to PPC*
• Total Pain*
• Opioid prescribing*
• Recognition, assessment and treatment of pain/irritability/discomfort in children with neurologic impairment*
• Nausea/Vomiting/GI symptoms
• Miscellaneous symptoms
• Home Care
• An approach to advance care planning
• Childhood Grief
• End of Life care planning
• Ethics (incl. withholding/withdrawal of Life sustaining treatments, withdrawal of artificial nutrition and hydration, medical assistance in dying)

*recommended