

REFERRAL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD)

POLICY

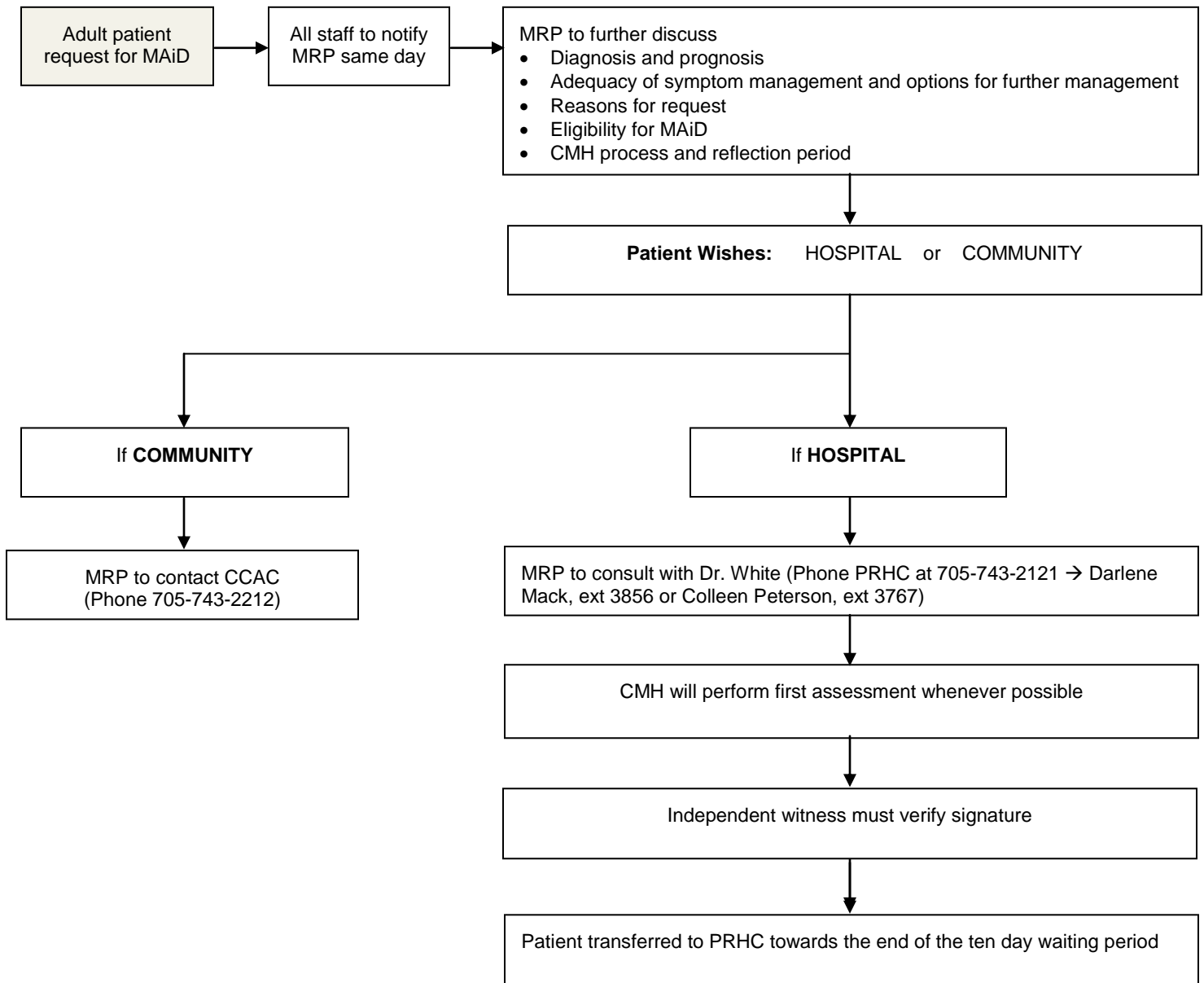
Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) acknowledges an ethical/legal obligation to respond to a patient's inquiry or request for MAiD whenever it may occur within the patient's health care journey.

CMH supports family-centered care and acknowledges the right of eligible patients/family to choose MAiD as an option.

PROCEDURE

Responding to a patient/family inquiry or request for MAiD:

1. CMH Most Responsible Physician or Nurse Practitioner communicates with the patient/family to clarify if the discussion with the patient/family constitutes an inquiry.
2. If the request is for additional information re: MAiD or the service itself, the patient/family should be provided with the MAiD brochure from Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC).
3. Refer to Clinical Team Algorithm on page 2.



Definition – Independent Witness

An independent witness would be a person who would not be a beneficiary under the patient's will or otherwise benefit from their death. Persons responsible for the patient's personal care, the health care treatment team and those responsible for any facility where the patient resides or is being treated, would also not be considered independent witnesses. A family member could witness a patient's request if none of these circumstances apply to them.

