

# Paramedics Providing Palliative Care at Home



ANB paramedics currently respond to 911 calls from palliative patients and typically transport them to hospital. This project will provide ANB paramedics with the knowledge and skills to provide palliative care at home, as well as a mechanism to collaborate with EMP practitioners in the seamless delivery of person-centric care.

A good death is an important part of a good life.

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## Why is this Important?

- Health challenges of an aging population
- More people with complex health needs
- Care at home improves quality of life
- Healthcare system sustainability
- A shift towards primary care in community

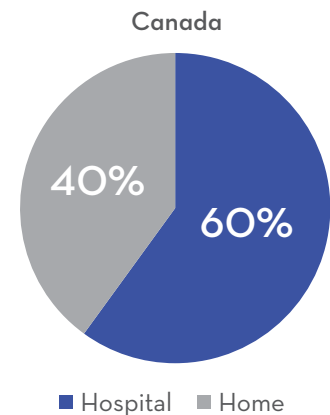
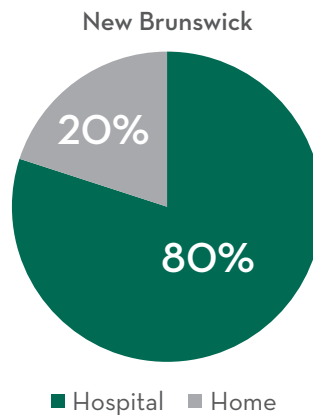
## Our Objectives

- Increase access to care and support in the home
- Reduce ED visits and hospital admissions for palliative patients
- Reduce time on task for paramedics
- Improve system efficiency

## The Plan

- Develop collaborative model of care
- Obtain stakeholder input
- Educate providers
- Conduct focus groups / surveys
- Collect data / report results
- Create sustainability

## Location of Death



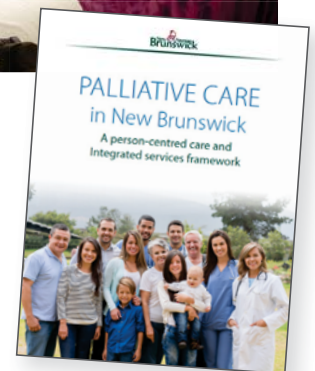
NB has the highest rate of in-hospital deaths in Canada, with 80% of end-stage cancer patients being admitted to hospital for their last two weeks of life. NB Health Council, 2017 & Framework on Palliative Care in Canada, Dec 2018



## Mission

Key Stakeholders working together to ensure high quality palliative care service in order to reduce the suffering for persons living with life-limiting illness and their families, from diagnosis to death.

*Palliative Care in New Brunswick, A person-centered care and Integrated services framework, 2018*



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