

P-258 - CANADIAN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - "BRAMPTON CIVIC HOSPITAL MODEL" (VIDEO PRESENTATION)

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Brampton Civic is situated in a vibrant multicultural community in the outskirts of Toronto. Since inception in 1987, the program has grown to encompass a central intake, Out- patient services, intensive unit, inpatient services, and a day hospital, incorporating a preexisting out- patient community psychiatric clinic. Within this continuum of services, staff members use a multidisciplinary team approach to treat children and adolescents up to 17 years of age. For example, central intake provides the screening service for all referrals to the program. The out- patient service provides an initial psychiatric consultation and some limited follow-up. The intensive unit's role is to stabilize the acutely ill in a secure and supportive setting. Assessment initiation and determination of the next steps in management of the illness is also done by the unit. Once stabilized, the patient may move to the "step-down" inpatient unit, or the day hospital depending on mental status and individual needs. The patient receives multidisciplinary assessment of symptoms and stabilization of mental status through various therapeutic modalities. A central focus in treatment is on improvement of normal functioning within the context of family, community, and school. The program also endorses ongoing professional and educational development, essential to ensure the delivery of effective and efficient health care.

This is a unique video presentation, includes the physical structure of the Child psychiatry unit and lively interaction by 20+ clinicians as a multidisciplinary team, describing their roles and contributions to the program. Total presentation time will be approximately 50 minutes.