

**DALHOUSIE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY CLINIC
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DALHOUSIE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
CLIENT REFERRALS TO THE CLINIC PHARMACIST**

Working as part of the health care team within the Dalhousie School of Social Work Community Clinic the role of the Clinic Pharmacist at the Dalhousie School of Social Work Community Clinic is to provide evidence-based medication information and assessment to support clients in achieving their health goals.

The clinic pharmacist is available by appointment to answer **medication or health related questions or to meet with clients to review their medications.**

Please note we do not offer prescription-filling services or keep medications on site at the clinic.

What can the Clinic Pharmacist do for Clients?

Clinic Pharmacists are committed to determining client's wishes, preferences and needs concerning health. We are committed to continuing care and working with clients towards the provision of unbiased medication information that is evidence-based. This includes 1) answers to specific drug information questions related to best drug therapy options, drug interactions, adverse effects, drug insurance coverage etc. 2) dissemination of general information on drug therapy questions (e.g. new guidelines, new drugs, trends of use, etc.) 3) client advocacy for matters related to medications and associated health concerns or challenges.

What are Medication Assessments?

Clients may be referred by health care providers or self-referred to the Clinic Pharmacist for a Medication Assessment. During a medication assessment the pharmacist completes a detailed patient interview, clinic chart review and assessment aimed at optimizing the client's medication therapy and ensuring clients understand their medication regimens. Optimal drug therapy takes into account the use of evidence-based treatment options, client and prescriber preferences, minimization of side-effects and intolerable drug interactions, cost-effectiveness, convenience and manageability of the medication regimen geared towards the client's identified needs and experiences. The assessment and specific recommendations will be documented in the client's clinic chart and communicated to other members of the client's health care team with the client's consent to support the circle of care for each client.

Booking Appointments:

Patient appointments can be made by contacting the Dalhousie School of Social Work Community Clinic via phone: 902-494-2753; fax: 902-494-2759 or email: swcc@dal.ca . Pharmacist referral forms can be found on clinic's website: <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/healthprofessions/socialwork/programs/field-education/dalhousie-school-of-social-work-community-clinic-.html> . We accept referrals from clients and health care providers.