

Who We Are

The Forensic Psychiatry Program at St. Joseph's Regional Mental Health Care (RMHC) St. Thomas provides specialized assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and support services to individuals with mental illness who have come into significant contact with the criminal justice system.



Specialized Mental Health Care

OUR PROGRAMS

Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program
Psychosis Program
Assessment Program
Geriatric Psychiatry Program
Forensic Psychiatry Program
Adolescent Program
Concurrent Disorders Program

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Dual Diagnosis Program

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Forensic Psychiatry Program

Safe and successful transition back into the community





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Our Program

Individuals are admitted to the program for court-ordered assessment of fitness to stand trial or criminal responsibility, and the subsequent treatment of those found unfit or not criminally responsible (NCR). Some individuals are transferred directly from other forensic facilities in the province or as ordered by the Ontario Review Board (ORB). Four inpatient units provide unique interventions throughout each individual's journey of recovery.

Our outreach services are provided by an interdisciplinary team who work closely with communitybased services and agencies across the Southwestern Ontario catchment area to link patients to the appropriate ongoing supports (e.g. ACT teams). The team uses its forensic training and expertise to assist the ORB in determining a patient's readiness for absolute discharge from the forensic system.

Our Aim

We strive to provide a positive, respectful, and culturally sensitive environment that respects the unique story of the individual and assists them in their personal journey beyond the limitations of the illness and toward recovery and realization of their hopes and dreams. Through intensive work with our team, clients are able to develop the new skills and supports needed to successfully reintegrate back into their communities.

Our Role

We work to enable our patients to improve their functioning so they can be successful and satisfied in the roles and environments of their choice with whatever supports necessary to ensure the safety and security of patients, staff, and the public.

Our Team

Interdisciplinary teams of providers from psychiatry, nursing, psychology, social work, spiritual care, nutrition, occupational therapy, therapeutic recreation and vocational rehabilitation provide care and clinical services.

Education and Teaching

RMHC participates with educational institutions across Canada and beyond in placing students from across all disciplines in a clinical atmosphere for the purposes of education and training. We take pride in helping to contribute to the education of future care providers. Our staff are continually expanding their knowledge base to become experts in care for our clients.

Our program participates in the education of health care and justice students, staff, and community providers with regard to forensic issues. We also work to promote and participate in research related to forensic psychiatry.

Community Connection

We work collaboratively with our community service partners in order to provide coordinated services to clients, to assist in the transition of clients from our services to the community and from the community to us.

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