

ROLE OF PHYSICIAN

- Confirms diagnosis
- Monitors and addresses symptoms
- Discusses treatment options (traditional, non-traditional, PEG, BIPAP, etc)
- Offers clinical trials
- Refers to other consultants (gastroenterologist, respirologist, genetics)
- Supports patients and families

MEDICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Welcome patients in a friendly manner
- Take care of patients needs
- Schedule appointments
- Prepare charts for clinic
- Direct and/or answer patient inquiries
- Keep track of paperwork
- Keep the filing up to date

Clinical Nurse Specialist

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- Case manager
 - Plan, coordinate and monitor care throughout illness trajectory
 - Liase with community partners (CSSS, PNAVD, CR, CHSLD)
- Symptom management
- Medication teaching (side effects)
- Discharge planning
- Initiate discussion on interventions and advanced care planning
- Organise interventions

Respiratory Therapist Dolores Bertone

- Performs pulmonary function tests
- Maximizes pulmonary hygiene
- Augmented ventilation
- Hemlich manoeuvre
- Discusses appropriate interventions regarding ventilation (BiPAP, tracheostomy and invasive ventilation)

Role du Physiothérapeute

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- Consultant Patient Externe, Évaluation Patient SLA; Cliniques du Lundi et Jeudi
 - Chutes + équilibre
 - Sécurité des déplacements(aides a la mobilité, aide a la marche, orthèses...)
 - Douleur (gestion...)
- Éducation (patient, famille, soignant...)
 - Guide des exercices (étirement, renforcement, aérobique...)
 - Technique de la conservation d'énergie
 - Prévention des chutes
- Référence au centre de réadaptation, CLSC, dans la communauté...
- Informer le patient ; Société SLA, autres professionnels
- Implication en recherche

Occupational Therapy

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■ Assessment

- Global functional evaluation
 - Physical components
 - Cognitive components
 - Swallowing abilities

■ Interventions

- Recommendations & Referrals
 - Adaptive equipment
 - CLSC services
 - Rehabilitation center
 - w/c, computer access, environmental controls, car adaptations, on-road evaluations
- Education
 - Energy Conservation, Dysphagia, Community Resources

ROLE OF CLINICAL NUTRITIONIST

- Assessment of nutritional status
- Teaching (meal planning, modified diet consistencies, alternate feeding methods)
- Gastrostomy Tube feeding(PEG/RIG)
 - Assessment of TF needs (TF protocol)
 - Teaching home tube feeding
 - Arrange for TF pump acquisition and teaching
 - Arrange for acquisition of formula and other TF equipment (IV pole, spike sets, syringes)
 - Liaise with CLSC P.Dt,. And prepare discharge summary for CLSC p.dt.
- Resource person/consultant in nutritional care of ALS

Social Worker – ALS Program

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- **Psychosocial assessments** of both in-patients and out-patients (to assess functioning, social roles, environment, risk factors, coping skills, support network)
- **Discharge planning**
- **Referral to/Collaboration** with community partners (CLSC, Rehabilitation Hospitals, ALS Society, etc)
- **Counselling and Support** to patients and loved ones (such as: coping with the impact of the illness; issues of loss and grief; making informed decisions)

Speech Language Pathologist

- Assess/monitor speech and cognitive communication skills.
- Provide counselling/education to patients and their families.
- Recommend/teach compensatory strategies and alternative/augmentative communication methods.
- Obtain alternative/augmentative communication devices for patients, when indicated (PMATCOM).
- Refer patients to other professionals and rehabilitation centres (e.g., Assistive Technology Programs).
- Evaluate candidacy for Passy Muir Speaking Valve.

Spiritual Care Counselor

- Spiritual Care is About
 - Meaning, purpose, self worth, respect, compassion, hope, empathy... It finds expression in word, image, ritual, nature, art, mystery, life.
- Spiritual Accompaniment Involves
 - Listening
 - Presence
 - Counseling
 - Meaningful rituals
 - Patient and family support
 - Team support