

### **Definition/Description:**

Palliative Care Services in WHR

### **Source:**

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### **Findings/Highlights:**

- Palliative Care is a recognized sub-program within the larger Family Medicine program.
- Inpatient palliative care services are available at Riverview Health Centre (30 beds) and at St. Boniface Hospital (15 beds).
- In the 2002/03 Fiscal Year, a total of 1300 persons received care in this program, with admissions and discharges averaging about 100 per month.
- Increases of about 10% are forecast for each of the 3 subsequent Fiscal Years.
- In collaboration with the Home Care program, Palliative Care Visiting Nursing and other home care services are provided to support the terminally ill at home.
- Clinical consultation services by physicians and Clinical Nurse Specialists are available in all hospitals and personal care homes, hospices and patients' homes.
- The home death rate has more than doubled since 2000 and now sits at 23% to 25%, with the target being 30%.