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Oral Question 586-19(2): Stanton Territorial Hospital Medical Detox Service

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 24, 2021 regarding Stanton Territorial Hospital Medical Detox Service.

All Northwest Territories physicians can refer patients for residential treatment program admission. However, clients may, at times, require an assessment by a psychiatrist when concurrent disorders are present. In these complex situations, the psychiatrist would work with Health Administration on applications to specific facilities that best assist with the client's conditions.

Clients who require admission to a medical facility to manage the medical risks of severe withdrawal are referred by a physician within the emergency department or health centre. Nurses in community health centres without physicians are able to access physician consultation to discuss the need for admission. Notably, clients do not always require admission to a medical facility. Those at risk for severe withdrawal may be admitted, while others often are not, as their situation is better managed through community resources.

Thank you.

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