


# Care Along a Health and Social Continuum

The paramedic provides safe and effective health care along a health and social continuum, across practice settings, within the paramedic's scope, and within regulatory practice standards to determine the most appropriate health and social care pathways that meet patients' needs and improve outcomes.

## H1

Work within the regulator-defined **scope of practice** for their designation, within regulatory practice standards and guidelines, and within their **personal level of competence**

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| H1.1 | Demonstrate a commitment to high-quality, **evidence-based** patient care |
| H1.2 | Integrate all roles into the paramedic's practice of paramedicine |
| H1.3 | Apply knowledge of the clinical and biomedical sciences relevant to the paramedic's designation |
| H1.4 | Prioritize clinical management and logistics based on patient **consent**, **assessment** findings, concurrent illness severity, and ongoing reassessments of patient condition |
| H1.5 | Perform clinical assessments to appropriately determine and manage patient condition |
| H1.6 | Recognize and manage emergency, urgent, and routine situations in an appropriate, timely, and professional manner |
| H1.7 | Recognize and manage critically ill patients to the best of the paramedic's ability and scope, including using additional resources, higher levels of care, and prompt **transfer of care** |
| H1.8 | Triage and set appropriate care priorities when managing environments with single or multiple patients |

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| **H2**<br>Perform **patient-centred**, context-specific clinical assessments and implement patient care plans based on effective clinical decision-making and the regulator-defined scope of practice for their designation, within regulatory practice standards and guidelines, and within their personal level of competence | H2.1 | Perform timely, accurate, and complete physical and mental health assessments of patients as indicated by patient presentation and allowed by patient environment |
| | H2.2 | Perform timely and focused clinical reassessments to facilitate and monitor patient condition and treatment effectiveness |
| | H2.3 | Gather patient history in a thorough, timely, and focused manner, and effectively integrate into clinical management and decision-making |
| | H2.4 | Develop differential and presumptive **diagnoses**, including likely pathology and less common serious or life-threatening conditions, in as timely a manner as allowed given patient presentation and environmental conditions |
| | H2.5 | Select evidence-based and clinically appropriate assessment methods with patients and their **families**, when possible, in a resource-effective and ethical manner |
| | H2.6 | Interpret relevant assessments and diagnostic and laboratory tests, and integrate results appropriately into care plans |
| | H2.7 | Use sound clinical reasoning and judgment to establish patient-centred care plans, using the clinical and diagnostic information available at the time |
| | H2.8 | Establish **goals of care** in collaboration with patients and their families, which may include declining **interventions**, slowing disease progression, treating symptoms, achieving a cure, improving function, and providing palliative care |
| **H3**<br>Establish plans for ongoing care, follow-up, referral, education, and transfer of care to other care team members | H3.1 | Develop or continue care plans for patients, including implementing appropriate interventions, procedures, and therapies |
| | H3.2 | Apply knowledge of the indications, contraindications, methods, and potential complications of the therapeutic and investigative procedures employed in paramedicine |
| | H3.3 | Obtain and **document** informed consent, explaining the risks and benefits of and the rationale for a proposed intervention, procedure, or therapy when feasible |
| | H3.4 | Prepare patients for transfer of care or **discharge** |
| | H3.5 | Ensure effective information-sharing |

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| **H4**<br>Provide accurate oral and written transfer of care to other care team members or discharge within the defined scope of practice for the paramedic's designation, individual competence, and employment or practice setting | H4.1 | Develop the discharge or transition of care plans |
| | H4.2 | Prepare patients for transfer of care or discharge |
| | H4.3 | Ensure effective information-sharing |