



Volunteer Cowichan
SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROGRAM



United Way
 Healthy Aging

Referral Form

Please review the Referral Guide on back of form for program description, referral criteria and examples of non-clinical services that may benefit your patient. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Connector at: 250-748-2133.

Referrer Information/Physician Office: Stamp or name, phone and/or fax	Patient Information: Name, contact information
Name Referrer Name	Name Patient Name
Phone/Fax Phone Number or Fax	Phone Phone Number
Address Address	Address Address
Email youremail@.com	Email youremail@.com

Referral Date: [Click enter date](#)

- Physical Activity [Click here to enter text](#)
- Nutrition/Food [Click here to enter text](#)
- Social Activity [Click here to enter text](#)
- Caregiver Program [Click here to enter text](#)

** Are there any restrictions or limitations to be aware of? Yes No

[Please explain](#)

Six-week follow-up report instructions	Physician/Referrer: Name <input type="checkbox"/> Call to office Ph: Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> Fax to office Fax: Fax Number
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Check box if patient has been informed of referral and agrees to undertake social prescription

Email this page only to: socialprescribing@volunteercowichan.bc.ca

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Referral Guide

Program Description

The Social Prescribing program supports seniors to access non-clinical, community-based services to prevent or delay frailty by fostering resilience and social support using a comprehensive, strength-based approach. Participants of social prescribing programs out of the UK have reported improvement to health and wellbeing, health-related behaviour, emotional state, social contracts and day-to-day functioning. When a Healthcare provider identifies a patient, who could benefit from the program, they can send a “prescription” to the Social Prescribing Coordinator who will support the patient to access suitable local sources of support.

Referral Criteria

Seniors in the Cowichan Region who are experiencing:

- Social isolation
- Depression/anxiety
- Major life events such as loss of a spouse
- Common health issues such as heart failure and COPD
- Physical inactivity
- Poor nutrition and/or food insecurity concerns
- Poor health outcomes associated with social determinants of health (low income, Indigenous/Metis/Inuit, LGBTQA2S, history of Adverse Childhood Experience etc.)
- Frequent use of primary health care

Examples of Non-clinical Community Support Services

- **Physical Activity Programs**
 - Osteofit, walking groups, chair yoga, lawn bowling, Aquafit, Move for Life
- **Nutrition/Food Programs**
 - Batch cooking programs, community kitchens, cooking classes, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank and food security programs
- **Social Programs and Services**
 - Art classes, book clubs, coffee clubs, knitting groups, community centres, mental health services and support with applications for HandiDart and affordable housing
- **Caregiver Programs**
 - Support groups, education sessions, one-to-one support

WHAT DOES THE SOCIAL PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE?

