

Assertive Community Treatment Team

Admission Criteria

The North York General Hospital ACT Team will use the following criteria to select appropriate clients:

1. *Individuals aged 18 and over.*
2. *Individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses (according to the DSM-V) that seriously impair functioning in community living, with priority given to clients diagnosed with:*
 - Schizophrenia
 - Bipolar disorder
 - Schizoaffective disorder
3. *Individuals with significant functional impairments, as demonstrated by at least one of the following:*
 - Inability to consistently perform the practical Activities of Daily Living required for basic community functioning
 - Inability to maintain consistent employment
 - Inability to maintain a safe/stable living situation
4. *Clients with two or more of the following issues:*
 - High use of hospital services
 - Persistent and/or recurrent severe major symptoms
 - Coexisting substance use disorder (of more than 6 months)
 - Criminal justice involvement
 - Residence in an inpatient bed, but clinically assessed to be able to live in a more independent setting with the provision of intensive services
 - Inability to participate in traditional office-based services
5. *Catchment Area*
 - Our primary catchment area is Victoria Park Avenue in the east, Dufferin Avenue in the west, Steeles in the north and the southern boundary of North York.