

SUBJECT:                               **EMERGENCY RESPONSE OUTSIDE OF COMMUNITY**

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**Purpose:**

To ensure the safe and efficient utilization of Community Clinic Staff in an emergency situation outside of their community.

**Policy/Standard:**

Community Clinics Staff will respond to an emergency inside the immediate perimeter of the community. This community perimeter includes all areas within a ten minute radius of the clinic.

**Procedure:**

When an emergency situation occurs outside the perimeter of a community the Community Clinic personnel are responsible for:

- Providing health care service to the community by maintaining usual Clinic operation.
- Liaising with the referral centre and rescuers (if possible) to keep all parties informed of the situation as needed.
- Preparation of the clinic to receive those injured in the event.

Labrador-Grenfell Health staff are **NOT** responsible for responding to any situation that occurs outside the perimeter of the community or that he or she feels in any way jeopardizes personal safety.

Labrador-Grenfell Health staff **should not** respond to any emergency that requires them to: travel over poor ice conditions; travel in bad weather; or leave the Clinic unattended by another nurse.