

Paramedics' Perspectives on the Community Paramedic Role in Ontario



This study was a cross-sectional, web-based survey of Ontario paramedics that measured perceptions, support, interest, and training in Community Paramedicine (CP).

Characteristics of Study Participants (n=452)

58% Male

47% Primary Care
Paramedics

33% had modified
duty experience

Perceived Roles of Community Paramedics

The top 5 perceived roles of CP were...



Treating people in
their homes and not
transporting (85%)



Providing community
resource referrals
(79%)



Expanded skill set
and role (78%)



Community education
(76%)



Providing a
community resource
(74%)

Support and Interest in Community Paramedicine

Majority of paramedic respondents were:



Very supportive of CP



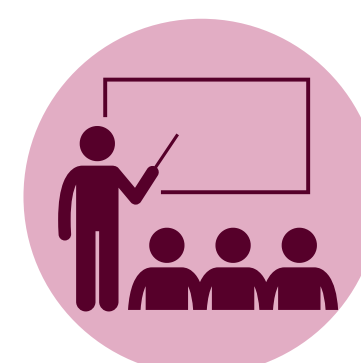
Interested in CP training



Interested in participating in a
CP role

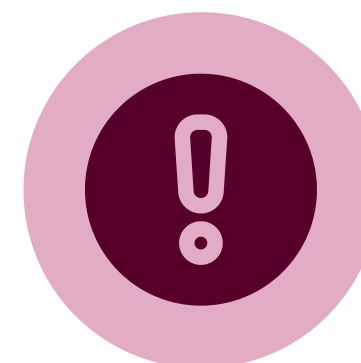
Training in Community Paramedicine

Paramedic respondents expressed:



CP training should be available to:

- Those who are interested
- At any stage of their career



Very few paramedics supported
mandatory training



Most preferred training methods were:

- Hands-on
- In-person classes
- Online modules

Main Take Home Point:



Paramedics view multiple functions within the Community Paramedic role and are very supportive and interested in Community Paramedicine.

