

paramedics **Ambulance**



Toronto Emergency Medical Services

Community Medicine Program



■ History of Program

- *Began in 1999*
- *Immunization*
 - Influenza
 - Hepatitis A
 - Meningitis C
 - Streptococcal Pneumonia
- *Extreme Cold Weather Alerts*
- *Hot Weather Response Plan*
- *Window and Balcony Safety Program*
- *CREMS (Community Referrals by EMS)*



■ Prerequisites

- *Currently none*
- *Paramedics utilized based on existing skill sets*
- *Primary or Advanced Care Paramedics*

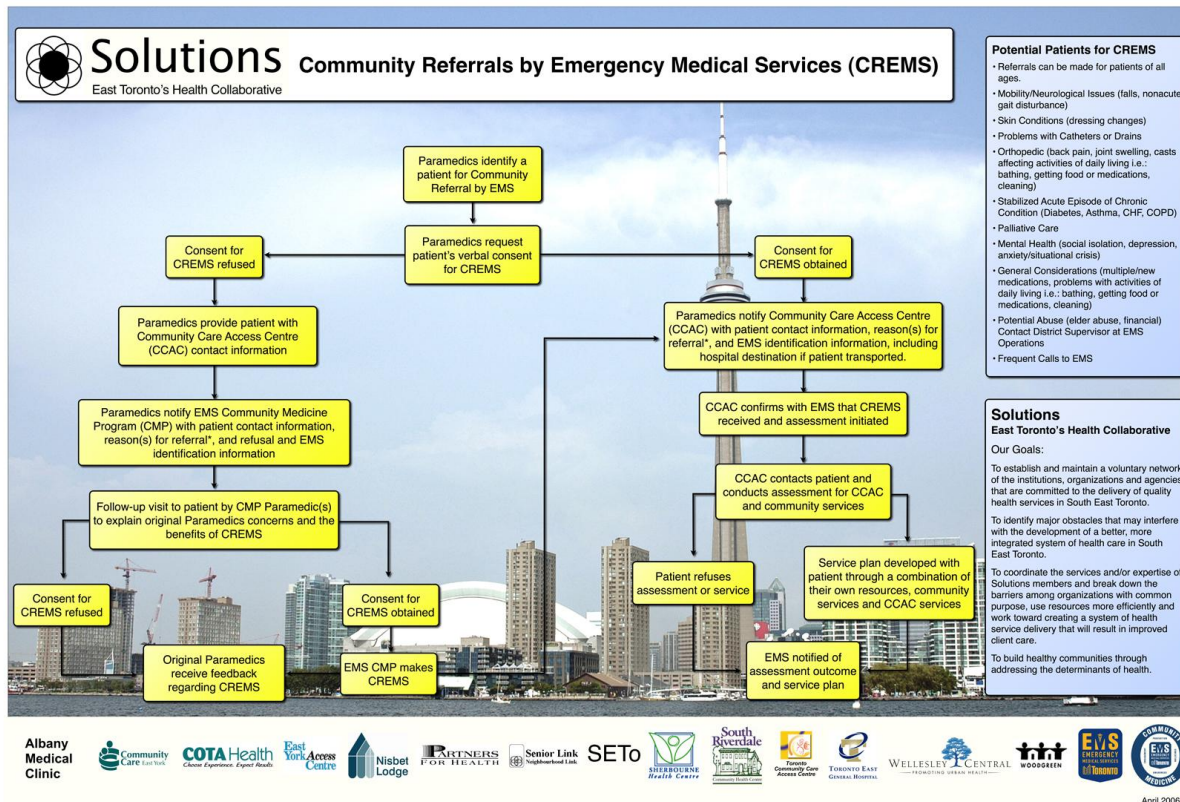
■ Training

- *Relative to program component*



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■ Future Directions

- *Core Operations, Specialty Unit or both?*
- *Geriatric focus*
- *Specific response problem mitigation*
- *Reduction in rebound ER visits*
- *Recognition of Paramedic's role in improving community health*



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