

# 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%)



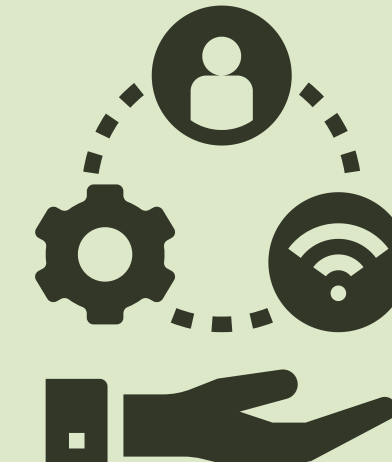
Providing community resource referrals (79%)



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



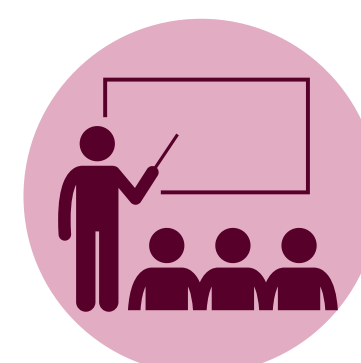
Interested in CP training



Interested in participating in a CP role

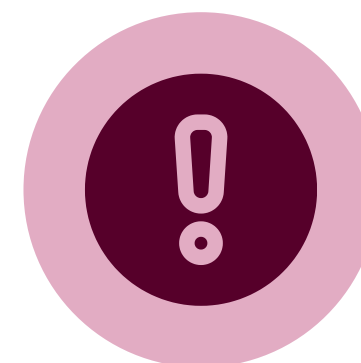
## Training in Community Paramedicine

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.