

Which clinician should I choose?

Clinicians	Description of what they can do
Psychiatrist	Psychiatry is covered under OHIP. Referrals are typically provided by family physicians.; Wellness can also assist with referrals.
	Psychiatrists can diagnose and prescribe medication for mental health conditions.
	Psychiatrists are medical doctors with a specialty in diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental health conditions.
	Psychiatrists are registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. They attend medical school and complete a 5 year residency.
	OHIP covered
Psychologist	Psychologists can assess & diagnose behavioral, emotional and cognitive disorders. They can conduct standard psychological tests to assess clients. They provide therapy and support.
	Psychologists can diagnose mental health conditions. If you require a diagnosis for WSIB, it's important to select a professional that is designated to provide this.
	Psychologists cannot prescribe medication.
	Psychologists are registered with the College of Psychologists of Ontario and typically have a Masters or Doctorate Degree after completing 9-11 years of education.
	Sun Life covered
Psychotherapist	Psychotherapists provide counselling and specialized therapies ex : DBT & CBT.
	Psychotherapist cannot diagnose or prescribe medications.
	Psychotherapists complete a BA or BSc, 2 year MA (or equivalent) including 750 placement hours providing clinical treatment and professional development.
	Sun Life covered
Social Worker	Social workers provide counselling and specialized therapies (ex DBT, CBT).
	Social workers cannot diagnose or prescribe medications.
	Social workers obtain a BSW after 4 years (approx. 700 placement hours) and can continue an additional 1-2 years to obtain an MSW (450 placement hours).
	Sun Life covered

Other Resources

Wellness Vetted List of Professionals by geographical area

http://hqintranet/departments/OrganizationalWellness/EAP%20Documents/List%20of%20Psychologists.pdf

Homewood Health - Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP)

Counselling services available through EFAP are best defined as short-term, goal focused solutions for challenges that can be resolved within 4-5 sessions. They are not intended for long-term support and are not suitable for anyone entering a WSIB claim. Supports are provided by masters prepared Social Workers/Counsellors as well as Psychotherapists.

\$250.00 per hour cap through Sun Life Benefits Unlimited Therapy for the year Finding the right match takes time so don't give up and contact Wellness to find the best fit for you. 905-453-3311 ext 4882