



MNCYN & LHSC COVID-19
Weekly Paediatric Regional
Teleconference Update
Minutes



Date: March 24, 2020
1600-1630 hrs.

Moderators: Leanne McArthur, Kristine Fraser

Present: Leanne McArthur (MNCYN), Kristine Fraser (MNCYN), Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Anita Bunnie (MNCYN), Amanda Williams (LHSC), Alison Stevenson (LHSC), Kelly Finlayson (LHSC), Karyn Calwell (LHSC), Anna Gunz (LHSC), Tim Lynch (LHSC), Henry Roukema (LHSC), Jennifer Oulette (GBHS), Colleen Ford (GBHS), Colleen Ouwendyk (GBHS), Leanne Paton (WGH), Andrea McPherson (WGH), Alexandra Tilstra (WGH), Michelle (WGH), Jill Schitka (NWH), Amanda Sonnenburg (Norfolk), Kerri Hannon (HPHA), Sherry (HPHA), Janice Wilmott (CKHA), Alissa Howe-Poisson (CKHA), Wendy Edwards (CKHA), Krista Turner (BWH), Respiratory (BWH), Carrie Gavigan (BWH), Mary Rae (Hanover), Dana Howes (Hanover), Chris Purdon (TBRHSC), Crystal Edwards (TBRHSC), Carrie Hurst (LWGH),

Item #1: Welcome/Regional Updates, COVID-19 Cases (Leanne McArthur)

Discussion:

- Ontario: 573 positive cases , 8 resolved, 7 deaths
- London: 14 cases, 4 admitted to hospital, no children at this point to our knowledge
- Guidelines coming forward from [Canadian Paediatric Society](#) (CPS) for paediatrician offices & in the process of developing further recommendations, stay tuned for these
- Resources from [SickKids: About Kids Health](#) also available (i.e.) how to speak to children about pandemics, decreasing fear and anxiety in children, etc.

Action Items:

- **Resources will be uploaded to MNCYN website (Anita)**

Item #2: Children's Hospital, LHSC Updates

Discussion:

- **Amanda Williams (CH, LHSC):** Update regarding visitor policy, Children's Hospital is going with 2 visitors, which is different from the adult side of 1 visitor
- **Dr. Tim Lynch (CH, LHSC):** Paediatric Emergency Department Snapshot
 - Hugely changed volumes, numbers down 40% (as per Dr. Rod Lim, March 23)
 - Partly due to diversion strategies to divert high-risk patients to the Paediatric Medical Day Unit (PMDU) to be seen by subspecialists
 - Mental health patients are also being diverted from paed ED
 - Still seeing lots of fever & various levels of trauma



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- Strategies being worked on for hot and cold zones, trying to stop spread & protect frontline workers
- **Dr. Anna Gunz (CH, LHSC):** Paediatric Critical Care Unit
 - All PCCU patients we've tested are negative for COVID-19, but positive for Influenza B, Rhinovirus...still having a terrible outbreak of Influenza B
 - Local ONA has contested not using airborne precautions with intubated patients, so now LHSC will be using airborne guidelines, which is different from what you may see in other hospitals in province

Action Items:

- **None**

Item #3: MNCYN Updates (if applicable) (Kristine)

Discussion:

- All links are on resource page & will be posted on MNCYN website
- FAQ Document: MNCYN is tracking as many questions as possible from region & have created a document which will cover both Maternal-Newborn & Paediatrics
- Will also upload to website, this is an evolving document & will be updated regularly

Action Items:

- **Post FAQ & Resource Page to MNCYN Website (Anita)**
- **Regular update to FAQ document (Gwen Peterek & Kristine Fraser)**

Item #4: Regional Q&A, Open Discussion

Questions

- **Leanne McArthur (MNCYN):** Opening floor to questions: Hearing none from the region

Discussion:

- **Leanne McArthur (MNCYN):** We are wondering if the Tuesday/Thursday is too frequent or just right for the paediatric updates?
 - Some feel frequency of calls is challenging, while others like the option of twice/weekly, others want 1/week
 - Discussion about combining paediatric & perinatal calls into one:
 - Leanne: Not everyone has OBS or Paeds, therefore decided to keep calls separate as not all HCP want to sit thru area that is not their expertise
 - Leanne: Conflicting information coming out in perinatal world as well to sort through on calls
 - Kristine Fraser: Idea of the calls was to open-up dialogue & have a forum for questions from the region



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- If you are unable to come on one day, you can send a delegate. Please do not feel pressured to be on every call. I will also be sending out the information so you will receive it either way.
- Everyone will get the FAQ & resources which will be uploaded to MNCYN website

Action Items:

- Please add Dr. Wendy Edwards (CKHA) to perinatal minutes (Anita)

Adjournment: 1617 hrs.