



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



Date: Mar 30, 2020
1500-1530 hrs.

Moderators: Leanne McArthur, Gwen Peterek

Present: Leanne McArthur (MNCYN), Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Kristine Fraser (MNCYN), Sheila Johnston (MNCYN), Debra Wiseman (LHSC), Stacey Laureano (LHSC)

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

Discussion:

- London has 37 positive cases, London Public Health states 7 hospitalized cases, LHSC has 3 inpatient cases, 1 death. No children.
- Ontario has 1,706, 431 resolved, 23 deaths
- Many guidelines have been presented by a variety of bodies across the province, nationally and globally on how to manage Covid patients. Two of the topics that are still most conflictual are the use of nitrous oxide and separation of mom and baby. A variety of different guidelines and resources have been posted on MNCYN website for your information, as well as updates to different algorithms that programs are using to support care.
- LHSC has recently updated and posted their algorithm for the management of the infant of a Covid positive mother. This will be posted to our website for review.
- Nitrous oxide – conflictual information. Differing guidelines from Anaesthesia and Respiratory Therapy bodies. Leanne has participated on a number of t-cons and emails from other parts of Canada, BC, Newfoundland. Recommendations suggest you continue to use Nitrous Oxide with a particular filter, but other information suggests that the particular filter does not filter out specific viruses. MNCYN is trying to support and provide the evidence, but It is up to each organization to consult with their infectious disease experts to determine what is best for their site.

Item #2: LHSC Women's Care Updates - Stacey Laureano

Discussion:

- Stacey reported that Women's Care is continuing flow map work. OR flow map is now live and well received. Facemasks and shields are used at all times.
 - OB Triage have also implemented wearing surgical masks and shields
 - Have been doing table-top exercises with nurses and are working with medical partners re donning/doffing video so everyone is up to date
 - Moved to a controlled mask supply issued to staff each shift
 - Finalizing protocols / policies
- Q: are there any that can be shared?



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A:

- Flow map for OB Triage and OR
- management in Labour & Delivery and Postpartum
- Symptomatic mom / symptomatic baby – *still a work in progress
- Will be an updated pdf of neonatal mother/baby dyad that will be posted as well

Action Items:

- **Post updates policies / protocols described above as they become available**

Item #3: MNCYN Updates (Leanne/Gwen)

Discussion:

- List of website Resources now includes an article from JAMA regarding neonatal early onset infection with SARS-CoV-2 in 33 neonates born to mothers with Covid-19 in Wuhan, China. It was reported that most infants were only mildly symptomatic.
- We will be posting an updated neonatal care algorithm from LHSC re: Neonatal management for 2019 Coronavirus Infection (Covid-19) for the Asymptomatic Newborn and Symptomatic Infant
- Recently updated LHSC self-screening tool based on the guidelines from Ontario Health and Health Canada. Questions now include sore throat and additional other questions. This has been posted on the LHSC website and will also be posted on the MNCYN website.
- BORN Ontario has posted an invitation on their website asking for all hospitals in Ontario to share their experiences and outcomes in an effort to gather data on Covid-19 for research. MNCYN will distribute the email to our partner organizations and will post on our website. Regional hospitals are encouraged to visit the BORN website for further details and contribute data if possible.
- MYNCN has posted several documents from LHSC, journals, government websites. We encourage our regional partners to share any documents or tools that they have developed.
- Conversation continues with Southern Ontario obstetrics network (SOON) re: steroid use for preterm labour; basically, emphasizing that steroid use should not be dictated by the Covid status of the mother, but only by clinical scenario and the gestational age, however, using steroids judiciously.
- An updated statement from CPS regarding care of the newborn is anticipated. It is not available yet but will be posted on MNCYN website as soon as it becomes available.

Action Items:

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- **Post LHSC screening tool to website**
- **Distribute BORN invitation for data request**

**Item #4: Regional Q&A, Open Discussion –
Discussion -**

- Leanne noted that we do continue to get questions and feedback by email, we will try to find answers and then add to the Q&A and post update every Friday
- Partners were encouraged to share any completed simulations and describe what barriers and challenges were identified. Feedback would be useful, so that we can collectively learn across the region, thereby assisting all of us to be prepared and ready.

Questions:

1. **No questions or discussion. Q&A closed**

Adjournment: 1513 hrs.