



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



Date: May 1, 2020
1500-1530 hrs.

Moderators: Leanne McArthur

Present: Leanne McArthur (MNCYN), Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Kristine Fraser (MNCYN), Sheila Johnston (MNCYN), Michelle Basacco (LHSC), Marie Greer King (Goderich), Kerri Hannon (Stratford), Monica Poole (BORN), Carolina Lavin Venegas (BORN), Dr. Henry Roukema (LHSC), Jackie Koufie (STEGH), Jocelyn Patton-Audette (GBHS), Colleen Ford (GBHS), Travis Breedveld (LHSC), Justine Leslie (LWHA), Melissa Rathwell (HPHA)

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

Discussion:

- Update on regional COVID cases

LOCATION	CASES	RECOVERED	DEATHS	OTHER STATS
LONDON-MIDDLESEX	409	225	38	7 new cases
WINDSOR-ESSEX569	604	191	50	
SW PUBLIC HEALTH (ELGIN/OXFORD)	59	33	4	
CHATHAM-KENT	52		1	
ST. THOMAS				
LAMBTON	183	90	14	
HURON-PERTH	47	34	5	
GREY-BRUCE				
MICHIGAN	41,379		3,789	
• DETROIT	9,057		1,035	
ONTARIO	16,608	10,825	1121	1017 in hospital, 225 ICU 175 vented
CANADA	53,657		3223	

- We are certainly seeing a reduction in ICU and ventilated cases



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Regional Service Delivery Model:

- Service delivery model documents were finalized today. We will be circulating out to the region before our next T-con on Monday
- These will be used to identify the triggers within your organization and the capacity at which you would no longer be able to provide services in OB or Paeds.
- We will continue the conversation regionally next Monday
- We are hoping to get as many Directors and Chiefs etc. on the call so we can identify what the triggers are as to when services may be overwhelmed and how do we ensure services are provided as close to home as possible.

- Leanne recently had a call with CEO's from all the Children's Hospitals in province to discuss what it would look like if we were to ramp up, although we are not all tertiary care centres in this region they had some good ideas about what it will look like in terms of ramping up services
- Leanne will circulate minutes should this approved by the CEO group.

Provincial Maternal Newborn Task Force Guidelines:

- They have now been vetted through the Ministry and will be ready for distribution by the end of this week
- Dr. Jon Barrett will present these guidelines at our next Perinatal WebEx Monday. We will also have time for Q&A at that time
- We have extended the TCONS to 1H so we can have more in-depth conversations

Meetings with CMRNP (Ottawa) re: Surrogacy:

- Discussions held from both a national and international perspective
- When surrogate patients are coming in, intended parents may not be able to attend due to restrictions of travel. Therefore, hospitals and families are using other means of communication and technology to get them involved.
- Nationally there has been lots of conversation about allowing just 1 partner within the birthing unit, could be the partner of the surrogate or it could be one of the intended parents
- These are interesting and challenging conversations we are having across the province right now. Some organizations have already started incorporating these concepts into their policies.



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WebEx Meeting on Monday:

- On Monday, in addition to Dr. Jon Barrett's presentation, Dr. Rohan D'Souza, Maternal Fetal Medicine Physician from Mount Sinai Hospital, will be presenting on the in-patient and out-patient assessment tools he has created for COVID investigations. These will be great tools for your programs.

PCMCH Maternal Newborn Committee:

- Has developed a 2nd task force looking at knowledge translation – basically looking at the guidelines that have been distilled by the Maternal Newborn Task Force specifically with regard to the support person for obstetrical patients, mother baby dyad care, breastfeeding and PPE
- Will also be looking at strategies around social media, tip and fact sheets (available in both English and French). We are excited about this work and the ability to get this information into the hands of the public.
- Another taskforce is more community based, looking at newborn follow-up - weights, bili checks, breastfeeding issues etc. and how people can access this when they are potentially in isolation

Webinar from Southern Ontario Obstetric Network (SOON):

- Several physician leads from Toronto and Ottawa will be providing a webinar out of U of T ***Monday May 4, 2020 from 6-8 PM entitled COVID-19 in "Pregnancy: The Ontario Provincial Guidelines, Antepartum Assessment and Safe PPE Use"***
- It will address:
 - The COVID-19 virus (ex. virulence, replication, transmission etc.)
 - The PCMCH Provincial Tasks Force Guideline on PPE use
 - The impact of maternal COVID-19 infection in pregnancy and newborn care
 - Application of clinical algorithms to ambulatory triage assessment and antenatal unit
 - Intrapartum management of the COVID-19 positive mother
 - The principles of Don/Doff Procedures, and PPE practice for obstetrical emergencies
- We will send information on so that you can circulate it out to your teams

Action Items:

- **Leanne to circulate minutes/ documents from the Regional Service Delivery meetings**
- **Disseminate Provincial task force guidelines from Ministry when available (Leanne)**
- **Circulate information re: U of T Webinar**



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Item #2: LHSC Women's Care Updates: (Michelle Basacco)

Discussion:

- Today LHSC is having its 2nd simulation for mother/ baby care. Lot of great learnings came out of the first simulation so we are excited about doing it again. We will be happy to share results once we have them.
- Anaesthesia/epidurals – Topic was brought forward by one of the anaesthetists that they must be wearing level 3 gowns now for all epidurals. This is not related to COVID but it is moving forward. Michelle will send out information for circulation
- Currently we have no COVID-positive babies in the NICU

Action Items:

- **Circulate details of LHSC simulation and key learnings**
- **Circulate information regarding Anesthesia gowning for epidurals**

Item #3: MNCYN Updates (Gwen Peterek)

Discussion:

LHSC Update:

- LHSC is now distributing cloth masks to families that is at the bedside. Each family is given a handout to guide use and laundering.
- The government recently released new guidance for COVID-19 screening
 - LHSC has adjusted our perimeter screening questions for both staff and visitors accordingly.
 - A few new symptoms have been added to the screening list (vomiting, diarrhea, loss of smell/taste, unexplained muscle aches), and symptoms will now also be identified as either “primary” or “secondary”.
 - Screeners will continue to ask the primary questions individually, but group the secondary symptom questions into one to expedite the screening process. Hopefully this will be a more efficient way of screening staff
 - The New Ministry of Health COVID-19 Patient Screening Guidance Document (April 22, 2020) will be posted on our website under ‘General’ tab

SOGC Update:

- SOGC has been providing weekly COVID-19 Response Forums for Members each Wednesday at 1600h to facilitate sharing expert advice and provide an opportunity for Q & A. These sessions are limited to a maximum of 100 participants, but any useful materials that are shared in the forum will be made available on the [SOGC COVID-19 Resources](#) page of the SOGC's website



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CTV News: “Pediatricians warned about 'COVID toes' in children infected with COVID-19”

- COVID toes is a skin finding that we are seeing in some children, but also some adults that are diagnosed with COVID
- It looks like frostbite [with] red or purple or brown discolouration around the feet and appears to be a post-infectious vascular phenomenon probably related to vasculitis or inflammation of the small blood vessels typically at the ends of toes and fingers. It has been suggested that it might be due to mini clots developing due to the inflammation giving the purple-bluish lesions.

Resource Update:

- Have added several new links to the MNCYN Resources Document and also will add:
 - **Under Perinatal Tab:**
 - 2 powerpoint presentations created by Dr. Wendy Whittle (U of T)
 - “Guidelines on the Management of COVID-19 in Pregnancy”- focuses on the core curriculum which can be used for teaching staff, physicians and midwives
 - U of T Sample Case Studies
 - LHSC NICU COVID-19 Admission/Resuscitation Team protocol and supply list
 - YouTube Video from Prenatal Screening Ontario: Prenatal Screening During COVID-19 in Ontario (April 24, 2020)
 - **Under Algorithms:** LHSC COVID19 De-Escalation/Precaution re: Discontinuation
 - **Under Simulations:** Video from Practical Obstetrics & Multi-professional Training (PROMPT) entitled “Managing Obstetric Emergency in COVID-19”
 - **Under General tab:** Several Mental Health Resources for HCPs
- Please continue to send your perinatal questions to either Leanne or Gwen and we will try to get an answer for you as soon as we can or we will raise it at our teleconference and post on FAQ

Action Items:

- **Post new updates to the MNCYN website (Gwen)**

Item #4: BORN Ontario Update: (Monica Poole/ Carolina Lavin Venegas)

- BORN has been working on clarifying criteria for cases that have been submitted
- Thank you to everyone for registering for the data collection for BORN. This is very valuable information. Anyone who hasn't signed up, we would appreciate you sending information as to your hospital and contact person to covid@BORNOntario.ca
- There has been one change in last week re: case collection, that Carolina, who is the BORN COVID-19 coordinator will address



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- Carolina: We have been receiving lots of questions as to whether hospitals should be collecting just the COVID pos. cases or also the suspected cases so we have been working on slight change to data collection tool
- We have learned that there are a small number of COVID pos. people who are testing negative, so we are asking all hospitals to use their best judgement as to who to include even if the test is negative,
 - Option 1: highly suspicious clinical signs / symptoms (fever AND at least one other symptom of respiratory disease eg. cough, shortness of breath, XRay findings)
 - Option 2: Other symptoms but the woman has been in close contact with an infected individual in the last 14 days
- These changes are on the BORN website and will also be addressed in the BORN Q & A document
- We will also post this information on the MNCYN COVID website

Regional Q&A, Open Discussion

Questions: No questions

Discussion:

Leanne:

- Regarding the ramp up of services: We have had conversations with Kerri Hannon (Stratford) and Jocelyn Patton-Audette (Owen Sound) on these calls, but have others had discussions about what that may look like in our region? – No comments

Action Items:

- None

Adjournment: 1514 hrs.