

Today's Take-Aways

COVID-19 – Regional Updates

- While there are no major changes to share regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures, discussions are taking place regionally regarding the path forward for active screening which is still provincially mandated for hospitals. Some hospitals in the region are exploring the idea implementing electronic screening for those entering the facility as a way of reducing the number of required staff in screening roles, while others are anticipating extending the contract for screeners until late summer or early fall. At this point we have no plans to change our screening practices. On a positive note, we have seen the benefits of active screening, not only in the way it has prevented the spread of COVID-19 within the facility but also as a measure to ensure those who are ill are not visiting our patients.

- Regionally, hospitals, including ours, are experiencing high admission volumes and a high level of acuity among those patients. In addition we have a large number of patients awaiting transition to long-term care which is impacting our flow.

Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC)

- It was noted that while there hasn't been too much news from RCVTAC, they remain very active with thousands of patients "seen" per month. In April alone this year, they received just under 5,000 calls and scheduled 2,500 virtual appointments with a physician. Despite this, our own Emergency Department numbers remain high and similar to pre-pandemic levels.

Infection Prevention and Control

- In addition to the continued widespread community transmission of COVID-19, it has been reported that there are a large number of other viruses in transmission within the community including Influenza A and B, norovirus and others which affect the respiratory and gastrointestinal systems. Children, in particular, are being hit hard by some of these viruses, likely due to the fact they haven't had as much exposure to them during the pandemic. As a result they are bringing these viruses home and infecting others.

- A reminder to all that we are still under orders to maintain masking at all times, including in meeting rooms. The only exception to this is times when staff are eating or drinking in appropriate settings and with proper distancing. While these orders for universal masking are set to expire on June 11th, we have not yet received any guidance on whether or not those orders will be rescinded or extended.

Occupational Health and Safety

- We are pleased to share that the daily number of staff and physicians unable to work due to COVID has decreased to less than 20 people per day at this point, however the overall level of absenteeism remains higher than normal.

Supplies

- The supply situation remains unsettling with a lot of uncertainty about product availability. Our Materials Management team would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

• On a positive note, our hospital has been able to provide some assistance to those in the Ukraine as part of a humanitarian medical supply drive organized by Dr. Tetyana Rogalska and Dr. Nicolas Berbenetz. Dr. Rogalska is a family physician with RCVTAC and The Ottawa Hospital Department of Family Medicine, and Dr. Berbenetz is an internal medicine locum at PRH and a cardiologist with the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. Both are Ukrainian Canadians.

We were able to provide a full skid of supplies including diapers, sponges, suction liners and sterile water that were not in use. Together with other hospitals in the region, these items will soon be shipped to the Ukraine and areas of need via the Toronto-based HelpUsHelp organization which is coordinating deliveries to trusted and established medical networks on the ground in Ukraine.

RPN Scope of Practice

• As part of the Provider Experience Driver in the 2021-22 Quality Improvement Plan, PRH focused on developing strategies to support staff and clinicians in their work. One of these strategies included advancing the scope of practice for Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) working throughout the hospital. In the fall/winter of 2021, 14 RPNs from PRH had an opportunity to participate in a collaborative skill enhancement program funded by Skills Advance Ontario at Algonquin College. This program consisted of 14 hours of independent study and two days of lab skill simulation focusing on:

- IV medication reconstitution
- IV insertion,
- Chest Tubes systems
- Trach Care
- NG Tube Insertions
- Blood Transfusions
- Central Venous Access Devices
- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy
- Wound Care packing (<stage 3, <tunneling 15cm)

PRH would like to recognize and congratulate the following RPNs who dedicated time and successfully completed the RPN Skills Advance program:

Matthew Savage, Rusty vanDiepeningen, Kimberly Combdon, Jennifer Splinter, Caitlyn Risto, Crystal Thompson, Kerri Timm, Doreen Lewis, Julie Bramburger, Nicole Jansen, Trina Roesler, Aimee Dunn, Nicole Lalonde and Trish Groves

Thank you to Caroline Froment, Clinical Educator, for attending and supporting the opportunity to enhance RPN scope of practice at PRH. A job well done to all who participated!

Project Updates

- The final contract for the Surgical Construction Project has now been signed which means that the contractor will be mobilizing onsite starting next month!
- The hospital is close to finalizing plans for Phase 2 of the Cancer Care Project. Staff are excited to be involved in the detail planning stage of this process.

ED/ICU

- While the department has been seeing upwards of 100 patients per day over the last few weeks, many of which are high acuity, the overall flow in the department has been pretty good.
- The ICU has received some one-time temporary funding to assist with much-needed human resources.

Information Technology

- A new self-serve Helpdesk portal is being launched. More details to come!

Rehabilitation

- An respiratory outbreak on the unit continues to be managed by IPAC in collaboration with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

National Nursing Week May 9-15

Thanks to all who celebrated National Nursing Week and took part in the various activities including the Muffin and Beverage event hosted by the hospital on May 12th in recognition of Canada Health Day.



Our Materials Management team wore blue to honour their peers in nursing!

National Nursing Week
May 9-15, 2022



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GRATITUDE

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• Celebrating the **IT team** on the DMO rollout. Also specifically for the past couple of weeks for support from **Patrick and Paul** with the hospitalist office computers, and to **Jeremy** for working to get Connecting Ontario to work despite its best efforts to thwart us since the DMO rollout. Many thanks to all involved. *The Hospitalist Team*

• Many thanks to the **staff in the ED** for everything that they do. Particularly **Dr. Szczepanik, Chantal, Kristen, Rumya, and Jamie** for their compassionate help on May 10. *Dr. Margarita Lianeri*

• Celebrating **Andrea Pond** for her help and expertise in assisting us with our RN schedule – finding a way to take two of our vacant part-time RN “lines” to create a temporary full-time RN “line” that we can recruit to and hopefully fill some of our vacancies. This will be very helpful to support us over the summer and into the fall months! Thank you for your patience and support!
Sonya Silver and Lisa Bradley

• The Senior Leadership Team celebrated **Tyler Graveline, Alycia Fraser, Katie Hollahan, Laurie Tomasini, Sarah Mellish, and Carmelita Pilatzke** May 18th for their amazing support during these changes and transitions, noting that “we are so lucky to have this incredible team”!

• Lisa Bradley celebrated **Annette Davidson** for being a great mentor for Amanda Godin and Sonya Silver. Thank you for everything you do!

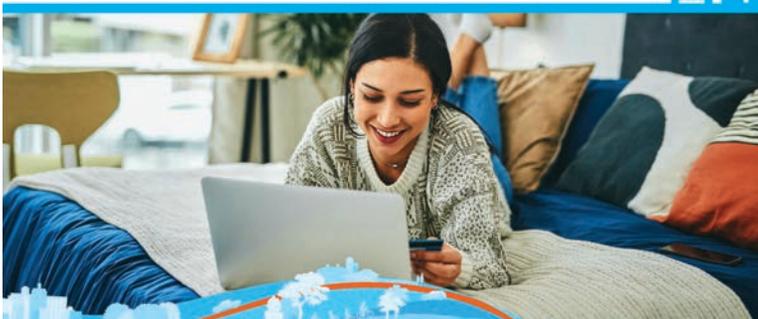
• Tina Davidson celebrated **Amanda Mitton and Monique Lafrance-Fleury** for their amazing work on finding alternate supplies and reaching out for appropriate advice and support. Knowing how difficult our supply chain issues have become in recent months, thank you for all your efforts in keeping our patients safe.

• Grace Weisenberg celebrated **Tina Davidson** for doing an incredible job on our regional committees in order to keep us updated and assist the Region in some of our medication distribution processes. Well done!

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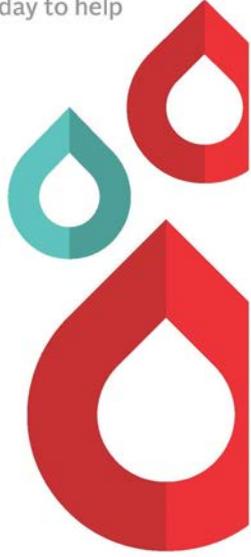
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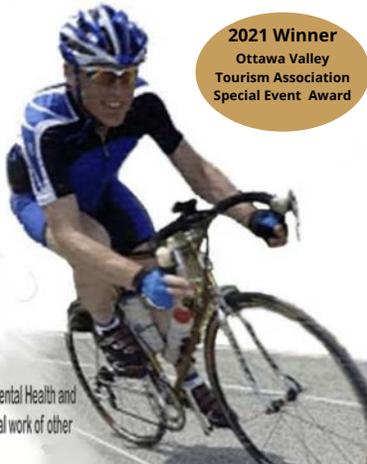
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