

COVID-19 Cardiac Stakeholder Forum #5

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

DATE: APRIL 16, 2020 | 8:00 – 9:00 AM

DISCLAIMER: The information in this document represents a high-level summary to capture the discussion at the point of time of the meeting and is NOT general guidance.

GROUPS REPRESENTED: More than 110 people joined the call with representation from CorHealth Cardiac Leadership Council, CorHealth Vascular and Stoke Leadership Chairs, Ministry of Health, Ontario Base Hospital-MAC, Ontario STEMI Network, Cardiac Medical Directors, Program Administrators, Cath Lab Medical Directors, EP Medical Directors, interventional cardiologists, and cardiac surgeons.

HIGHLIGHTS

- System updates provided: Dr. Jon Irish chairing the COVID Surgical Services Pandemic Advisory Panel, and Dr. Chris Simpson chairing the Surgical/Procedural Ramp Up Committee.
Action: CorHealth is connected and engaged by both the Panel and the Committee and will bring relevant information and updates to this Forum moving forward.
- The impact of medication shortages, specifically propofol and fentanyl, was raised, and a request made to include the potential impact of these shortages on modelling the ramp up of procedures.
Action: CorHealth will investigate this issue further and bring updates to next week's forum meeting.
- Longstanding challenges around use of terminology across the system was expressed, specifically nuances around use of terminology and association of the term 'outpatient' with 'elective'. This challenge resurfacing amidst our COVID-19 discussions and memos (#7, #8). Suggestion made to CorHealth to work to clarify this, post-COVID-19.

CORE Cardiac Module Update

- H. Wijeyesundera presented several scenarios around hospitals' ability to ramp up cardiac procedures, given cardiac resource availability at 100%, 50% and 25% of pre-COVID baseline ward and ICU bed capacity.
- At 100% and 50% of baseline bed capacity, available cardiac beds are adequate to service urgent in-patient and highest risk, scheduled outpatients. If cardiac bed capacity drops to about 25% of baseline, available cardiac beds would no longer be sufficient.
- Some interest expressed among the group for additional modelling work
Action: Next steps include modelling of COVID-related backlog, accumulated from March 15-May 3 across cardiac procedures, and estimating the additional capacity and time period required to eliminate the backlog (i.e. OR, ward, ICU resources)
- G. Oakes shared brief updates on the cardiac reporting, noting comparisons between the percentage reductions in procedures for this week, with last week, and the same week last year. However, accuracy of data may be impacted by data input lags, as well as the recent holiday dates compared to last year. This week's cardiac report was circulated.
- M. Natarajan spoke to Memo #8. Comments shared by forum members around clarifying the intent of the CorHealth memos (i.e. aspirational goals vs. expectation for the regions).

NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting of the group will be held next Thursday, April 23, 2020, from 8:00 – 9:00 am
- If group members have any questions or comments, please email to Jana.Jeffrey@corhealthontario.ca, and they will be included for discussion at future meetings