

COVID-19 Cardiac Stakeholder Forum #4

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

DATE: APRIL 9, 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, cardiac surgeons, echocardiography laboratories, and the Ontario Association of Cardiologists.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The events, information, and decisions leading up to the creation and release of Memo #7 were reiterated
- The focus of the meeting was on the cardiac submodule of the CORE model, as well as concerns related to CorHealth's cardiac Memo #7

Cardiac submodule of the CORE (COVID-19 Resource Estimator) model:

- Dr. H. Wijeyesundera presented the cardiac submodule of the CORE model
- This included sharing a graphic (Dr. Victor Sun, Atlanta) depicting 4 possible waves of health care activity and focus, resulting from COVID-19
- Focus of information was on the cardiac submodule, led by Dr. H. Wijeyesundera and Dr. D. Tam. Submodules have been built for aortic stenosis and coronary artery disease
- The purpose of the model was reiterated: to identify the consequence of delays in cardiac procedures, and provide close monitoring to inform an appropriate time to 'ramp cardiac activity back up'
- Noted that at last week's Forum meeting, the trend of the confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases was concerning, which prompted the need to act quickly

- Based on historical data, 2 scenarios were presented. One which focused on TAVI/SAVI electives on hold, and another focused on outpatient PCI and CABG on hold. The number of deaths predicted over 28 days, was predicted to be low, based on the model

Cardiac Reporting

- This week's Cardiac Report was circulated to Forum members
- The purpose of the report is to provide critical information to the Ministry of Health and to the cardiac community, to inform planning
- It was acknowledged that with hospital resources being scarce at this time, it can be a challenge to stay up to date with tracking and entering data, but hospitals were encouraged to try their best to make this happen, to support having as accurate as possible system-level data
- A summary of the updates/changes to the report was provided

Facilitated Discussion

- Questions and comments were raised around the model and with Memo #7
- There was acknowledgement that work continues to refine the model to further support best decision-making at hospitals during COVID-19. Future work on the will include regional models
- CorHealth acknowledged the various opinions voiced around Memo #7, and highlighted steps that CorHealth will take moving forward
- Interest was expressed to see modelling work reflect the electrophysiology patient population (i.e. arrhythmia ablations, ICDs, pacemakers)
- CorHealth continues to engage a wide variety and representation of cardiac stakeholders in its efforts during the COVID-19 crisis

NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting of the group will be held next Thursday, April 16, 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