

Second Risk Forum on Vaccinations

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Welcome and Thank you



Thank you for your tireless service and being our frontline

Aim: come together to share a common base of information
and to promote sharing/experiences

- Update on the SARS-CoV-2 vaccination program in Ontario
- Brief panel reflection on updated and current risk/legal knowns:
 - Medical directives
 - Informed consent
 - Information sharing agreements
 - Immunities/Indemnifications
 - Other considerations:
 - Critical care triage guidelines/the emergency standard of care
- Open and collective reflection on current experiences/inquires

Updates on the SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination Program

SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination Program

- Roll-out plan
 - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-vaccine-distribution-implementation-plan>
- Vaccine hesitation and evidence of extension of second dosage
 - Vaccination delays and impact on consent and medical directive
 - Prioritization and distribution
- What support/resources are available

Medical Directives

- Province-wide COVID-19 mRNA vaccination order issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health (29 Dec 2020)
 - Potential for updated/new medical directive
- Regulation (O.Reg. 9/21) passed pursuant to the Regulated Health Professions Act
 - Need for reconciliation with regulation

Key reflections:

- How to reconcile local vaccination centre directive(s)?
- Who is providing vaccinations at your Organization?
- If pharmacists/pharmacy interns ensure MOH agreement

- Vaccination delays and impact on consent and medical directive
- Statement issued by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health (16 Jan 2021)
- Ontario's updated prioritizing resources guidance document
 - Guidance for prioritizing health care workers (8 Jan 2021)
 - Ethical framework (11 Jan 2021)
 - Long-term care homes and retirement homes (18 Jan 2021)

Key reflections:

- Any changes required related to vaccination delays?

Informed Consent

- Informed consent, including documentation, is an absolute requirement
- COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form Version 2.0 – January 23, 2021
 - Areas of interest: Special considerations and the role of the primary care provider and consent for research

Key reflections:

- Logistics to confirm an informed consent for vaccine special considerations

- COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form Version 2.0 – January 23, 2021
 - Standardized for hospitals and long-term care
 - Consent to receive the vaccine
 - Acknowledgement of collection, use and disclosure of personal health information
 - Consent to receive follow-up communications
 - Consent to being contacted about research studies

Key reflections:

- Any changes required as a result of vaccine delays?

Vaccine Special Considerations/Consent

- Special considerations such as people that are pregnant, breast feeding, or immunocompromised is not an exclusion
- Impact of the amended consent form
- Standardized risk information
- Processes to ensure your information is most up-to-date

Information Sharing

- Update on the COVAX standard agreement
- Roll out

Key reflections:

- Respective PHIPA responsibilities/expectations

Immunities/ Indemnifications

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- Current action by OHA/HIROC to seek immunity/indemnifications
- Reminders and limitation of current immunity/indemnifications
- Federal compensation program for vaccination injuries

Key reflections:

- Apply for the indemnification from the Ministry at Hospitals.Branch-HSQFD@ontario.ca
- Current gaps in immunity/indemnifications protections

- Reminder of additional resources including contractual agreement templates, bulletins
- New additional resources:
 - Management agreement for a retirement home (template)
 - Voluntary interim management agreement (template)

Key reflections:

- Ensure we are providing healthcare services that are consistent under the Public Hospitals Act

**Other Considerations –
Adult Critical Care Triage Guidelines/
The Emergency Standard of Care**

Adult Critical Care Triage Guidelines/the Emergency Standard of Care



- The law has not changed
- Consent to withdrawal of mechanical ventilation remains
- Will be triggered by clear communication from the Ontario Critical Care COVID Command Centre – one system approach
 - Goal: provide care that 1) meets a reasonable standard, 2) without breaching the law
 - Provides guidance on what intensive interventions will be *offered* or not *offered*, depending on surge level then prevailing

Key reflections:

- How are you socializing these concepts at your Organization?
- What supports may help?



Generative Discussion

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- Are there key experiences or lesson learnt that may add value to others?
- What barriers are you currently experiencing?
- What are your needs today and in the near future?
- What's the most important way that OHA and HIROC can be of support?
- Is it helpful to have on-going risk forums?

Additional Resources

- HIROC : <https://www.hiroc.com/resources>
- OHA: <https://www.oha.com/news/updates-on-the-novel-coronavirus>
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Thank you