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COVID + Pathway Learning Network webinar series

Webinar 12: The Time is Now, Managing Patient Flow beyond COVID-19

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Acknowledgement Of Country

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the all of lands in which we live and from where we join this meeting today. I pay my respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. I also pay my respects to the Elders of other communities who may be joining us today.

Overview

Topic	Presenter
COVID + Pathway update	Shannon Wight Executive Lead, COVID + Pathways, Department of Health
Sotrovimab/Ronapreve update	Prof Michael Dooley
	Director of Pharmacy, Alfred Health. Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Centre for Medicine Use and Safety, Monash University. Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University
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The Time is Now, Managing Patient Flow beyond	Dean Pritchard
COVID-19	Northern Health/ SCV Faculty Timely Care
	Kiri Stuart
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COVID + Pathways update

Shannon Wight – Executive Director, COVID + Pathways Program

& Executive Director Clinical Operations, Eastern Health

Current priorities: Self-care program

C+P key priorities

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Self-Care Program

- Designed for C+ individuals who are considered very low risk and capable of self-managing their own care
- Directs precious resources to those most at risk and promotes self-care,
- Anticipated self-care allocation may grow over time as the risk profile shifts as more Australian's become double vaccinated.

Criteria

To be able to self-care, individuals **must meet** the following criteria:

- > 12 and <65 years of age
- Fully vaccinated (two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine)
- Not pregnant
- No barrier to home isolation
- Nil or mild symptoms
- None or low-risk comorbidities

Model

- Individual consents to self care
- Individual able to self-care receives an SMS with information on who to call / where to go for help (if needed) and provided web information links
- Individual is **not entered** into the C+P program
- Individual not referred to GP
- Individual self governance and choice

Clinical Risk Process: SCV Clinical Advisory Group and C+P Taskforce: Extensive sector wide and departmental consultation with repeated clinical algorithm analysis on self care allocations

Journey

Individual self-monitors symptoms

If individual starts to feel unwell...

Individual may contact their GP or Nurse on Call for assistance

If required, individual may receive care from a GP (off Covid Positive Pathways)

If individual's condition continues to deteriorate...

Individual may call ED Virtual Triage, be referred for the ED by their GP for further assessment or may call 000.

If admitted to a HITH program, clinical governance is with health service until point of discharge. Then individual may choose C+P program or GP for remaining COVID+ care if needed

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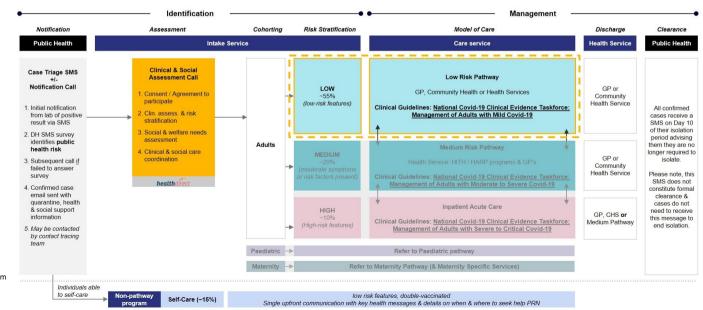
Current priorities cont'd

C+P key priorities

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Establishment of National C+P model

- Commonwealth, Healthdirect Australia and Victoria are working together to define the national C+P rollout, with Victoria identified as the leading jurisdiction.
- Oversee the pilot project to successfully transition Healthdirect to undertake all GP referrals in the NE, as part of the C+P program.
- Enable stakeholder engagement to deliver the pilot project and identify opportunities to ensure future scalability.
- North East leading the pilot site with the North East HSP.



COVID Positive Pathways Program Vic Department of Health

Current priorities cont'd

C+P key priorities

Public messaging

• Working closely with SRS's to identify who can be cared for on a pathway
• Work underway to review pathway eligibility in order to ensure people living in supported residential services and disability accommodation settings receive the clinical care they require at the right time, in the right place throughout the duration of their illness

• Updated, informative messaging and web content to the Victorian community on how to self-care and live with COVID https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-covid-19-home https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covid-positive-pathways

• Consideration/reform opportunities
• Consideration to expand the C+P program to support patients with chronic disease/ frequent presenters.
• Work underway between the department and SCV to consider opportunities to integrate long-COVID care into

the 'pathways' model and consult with primary care in delivering support.

Sotrovimab/Ronapreve update

Prof Michael Dooley

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Medications for COVID-19

Prophylaxis	Pre exposure						
O1	Post exposure						Х
				July	Sep	Oct	November
			June 2020	2021	2021	2021	2021
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		Steroids	Remdesivir	Baricitinib	Sotrovimab	Budesonide	Ronapreve ™
Trea	Mild				Х	X	X
Treatment	Moderate	X	X	Χ			X
14	Severe	X	Χ	X			X
	Critical	X					X

Medications for COVID-19



Ronapreve ™ (casirivimab + imdevimab)

Indication

TGA approved

National Clinical Guidelines

Post Exposure Prophylaxis

1200mg IV or sc single dose (600mg casirivimab + 600mg imdevimab)

Post-exposure prophylaxis

Ronapreve is indicated for the prevention of COVID-19 in adults and adolescents (aged 12 years and older and weighing at least 40 kg) who have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2 AND who either:

- have a medical condition making them unlikely to respond to or be protected by vaccination. OR
- · are not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Conditional recommendation

Consider using subcutaneous casirivimab plus imdevimab as prophylaxis in seronegative or PCR-negative close household contacts of individuals with confirmed COVID-19.

Treatment
Symptomatic Mild

1200mg IV or sc single dose (600mg casirivimab + 600mg imdevimab)

Treatment

Ronapreve is indicated for the treatment of COVID-19 in adults and adolescents (aged 12 years and older and weighing at least 40 kg) who do not require supplemental oxygen for COVID-19 and who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID-19.

Conditional recommendation

Consider using casirivimab plus imdevimab for the treatment of COVID-19 in mild outpatients who have one or more risk factors for disease progression within 7 days of onset of symptoms.

Treatment

8000mg IV (4000mg casirivimab + 4000mg imdevimab)

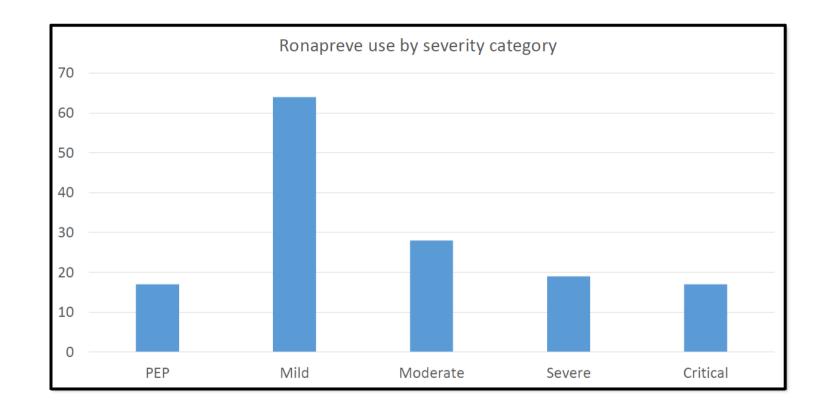
Conditional recommendation

Consider using casirivimab plus imdevimab in seronegative patients hospitalised with moderate to critical COVID-19.

Not recommended

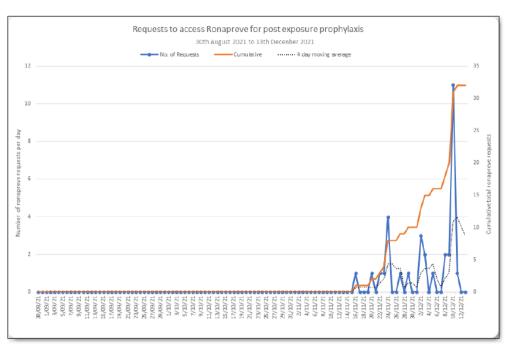
Do not use casirivimab plus imdevimab in seropositive patients hospitalised with moderate to critical COVID-19.

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Post Exposure Prophylaxis

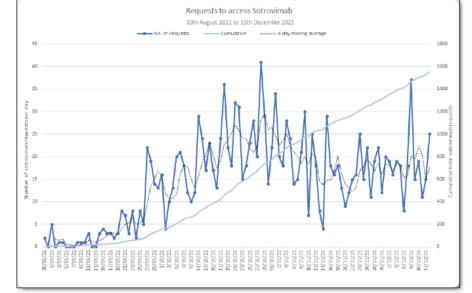
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CCESS CRITERIA (tick each criteria that applies to confirm the access <u>criteria has been met</u>)	
ACCINATION STATUS (must meet one):	
Not vaccinated against COVID-19 (unvaccinated or partially vaccinated)	
Immunosuppressed regardless of vaccine status (please select which apply below)	
Primary or acquired immunodeficiency	
Haematologic neoplasms: leukaemias, lymphomas, myelodysplastic syndromes	
Post-transplant: solid organ (on immunosuppressive therapy), haematopoietic stem cell transplant (within 24 months)	
Immunocompromised due to primary or acquired (HIV/AIDS) immunodeficiency	
Other significantly immunocompromising conditions. Specify	
Immunosuppressive therapy (current or recent) examples include:	
Chemotherapy or radiotherapy	
High-dose corticosteroids (≥20 mg of prednisone per day, or equivalent) for ≥14 days	
All biologics and most disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)	
/IUST MEET ALL (Age ≥ 18 years, or aged ≥12 and <18 years of age and weighing ≥40kg):	
Contact of individual with confirmed SARS-Cov2	
Household contact OR	
Care setting contact of significant exposure	
Asymptomatic or negative PCR result (NOTE: symptomatic patients awaiting PCR results are not eligible)	
≤4 days from exposure (Day of first exposure is day 0)	
AUST MEET ONE OR MORE BELOW (Unless immunocompromised regardless of vaccine status):	
Diabetes mellitus treated with medication (Type 1 or 2)	
Obesity (BMI > 30 kg/m2 or for paediatric patients BMI >95 th centile for age)	
Chronic kidney disease (i.e. eGFR < 60 by MDRD)	
Cardiovascular disease (including hypertension treated with medication)	
Age ≥ 50 years	
Chronic lung disease (including asthma treated with regular medication)	
Chronic liver disease	
For paediatric patients (≥12 years): Other significant comorbidities including sickle cell disease or Paediatric Complex Chronic Conditions (PCCC): congenital and genetic, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, malignancies, metabolic, neuromuscular, renal and respiratory conditions	

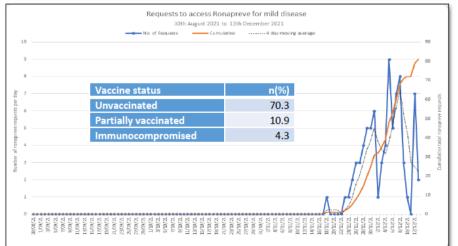


Exposure	N (%)	Vaccine status	N (%)
Care setting	58.8	Unvaccinated or partial	29.4
Household	41.2	Immunocompromised	70.6

Treatment Symptomatic Mild

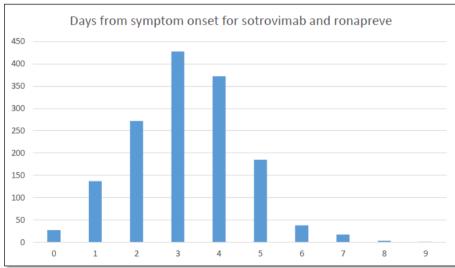
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MUST MEET ALL (Age ≥ 18 years, or aged ≥12 and <18 years of age and weighing ≥40kg):
Confirmed SARS-CoV2
No oxygen requirements
SYMPTOM ONSET AND DRUG INFORMATION (must meet one)
Date of symptom onset:
Day 0-5 from symptom onset: sotrovimab 500mg IV
Day 6-7 from symptom onset: Ronapreve® 1200mg (600mg of both casirivimab and imdevimab)
S/C (4x2.5ml injection)
□ IV
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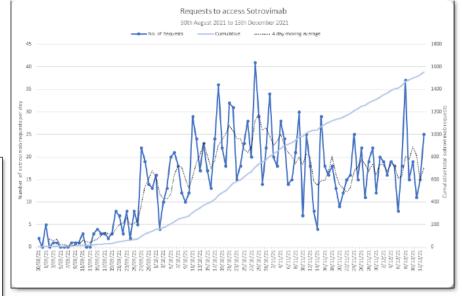


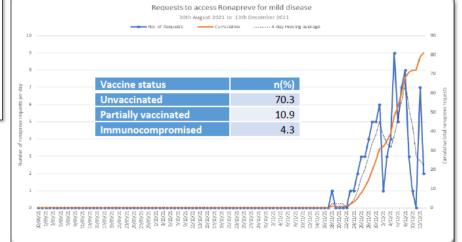


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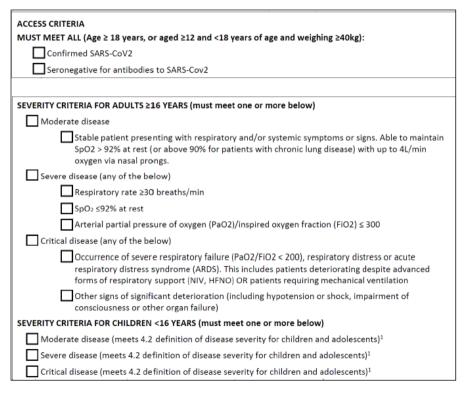
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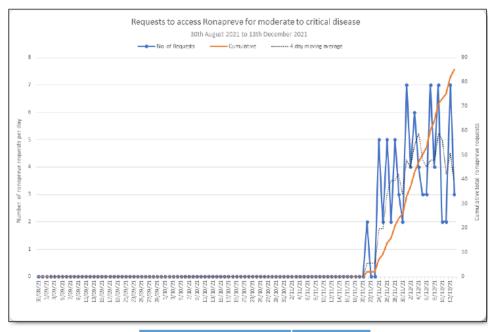






Treatment Symptomatic moderate/severe/critical





Disease category	N (%)
Moderate	43.8
Severe	29.7
Critical	26.6

The time is now: Managing patient flow beyond COVID-19

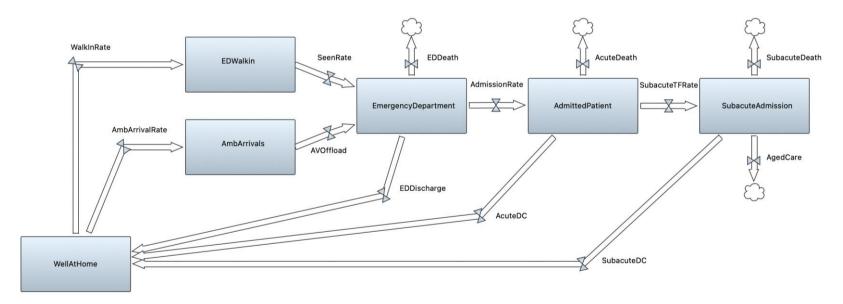
Hospital Access Block Raising the bar with COVID...



Picture: The Australian (2021).

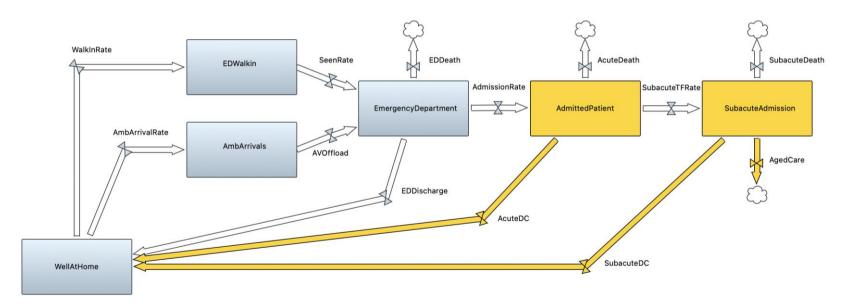
The Whole of System Approach

Unplanned arrivals



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Unplanned arrivals



Timely Care Collaborative



Kiri Stuart



Dr. Amith Shetty



Using improvement science to reduce unnecessary bed days

December 2021



Objectives

Context

Failing to achieve **hospital wide patient flow** – the right care, in the right place, at the right time – **puts patients** at risk for suboptimal care and potential harm. Optimizing flow and improving outcomes for patients requires an appreciation of the entire system of care.

Trigger

A hospital wide audit of unnecessary bed days, as part of the Timely Care Collaborative, indicated Residential Aged Care patients may present greatest opportunity to improve flow

Question

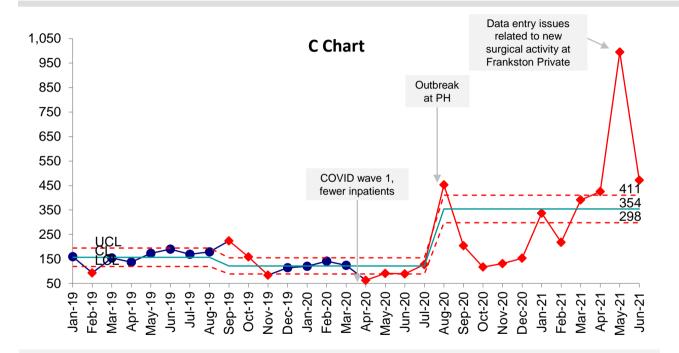
How can we improve timely care and reduce flow delays for this patient cohort?

This review aims to:



- 1 Describe the problem we are trying to solve
- Describe how **improvement science** is being used to **reduce unnecessary bed days**
- 3 Outline improvement action plan

Unnecessary bed days have increased significantly since 2019



Definition: All days patients in hospital past their "Day 0" date – the date they are medically clearer for discharge. **Included:** Acute Medical and Surgical unit, Frankston Hospital

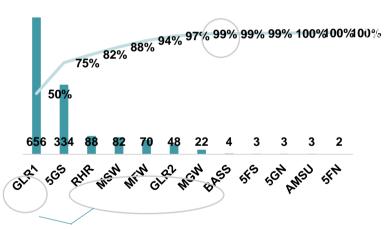
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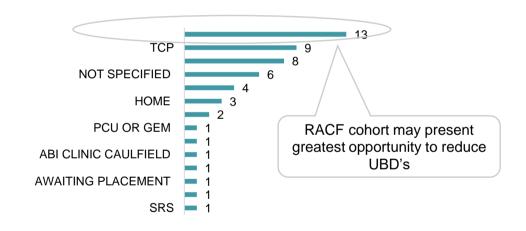
- This measure is derived form our "Countdown to Discharge" process. Unfortunately the process is inconsistently followed, so the data has to be interpreted with caution.
- Historically, medical and surgical units at Frankston Hospital carried between 130 and 150 unnecessary bed days per month (around 5 per day).
- This dropped during the first wave of covid, with fewer inpatients.
- A spike during the outbreak at PH likely reflects increased challenges in discharging patients, as well a reduced focus on timely discharges.
- The spike in May 2021 likely reflects teething issues with data from elective surgery contracted out to a private hospital.



A deeper dive into the data showed almost 99% of UBD's came from subacute wards, specifically patients waiting for t/f to aged care facilities

Patients on medical, surgical and subacute wards over day 0 on discharge readiness whiteboard, Thursday 14th October 2021, n = 52 patients & 1,313 UBD's





Subacute wards

- 5GS includes 1 patient with 327 UBD's
- GLR1 includes 1 patient 348 UBD's and 125 UBDs

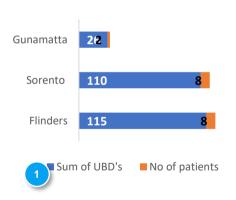


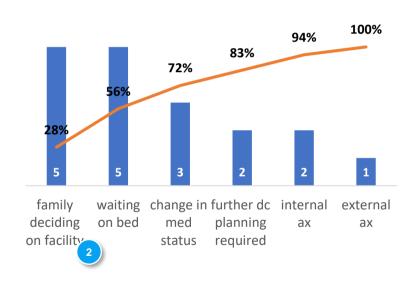
Source: Audit of Discharge Readiness whiteboards,

Family deciding on facility and waiting on a bed account for 56% of delays

Patients being discharged to a RACF with 1 or more UBD and cumulative UBD's 14th - 26th October, n = 18 & cumulative UBD's of 251







Insights

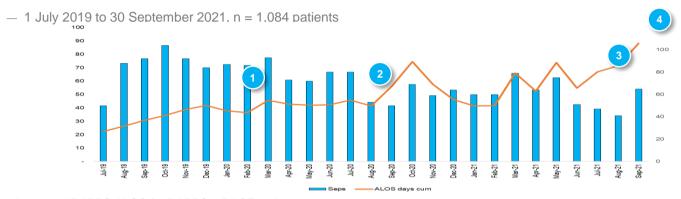
- Flinders and Sorrento had highest no. of patients being discharged to a RACF with 1 or more UBD. Flinders had greatest cumulative UBD's
- Family deciding on facility and waiting on a bed account for 56% of delay reasons

Source: Audit discharge readiness whiteboard



There is a corresponding increase in ALOS for subacute to aged care transfers by 66 days since 2019

ALOS and separations for RAPPS – RACF patients



Acute and RAPPS ALOS for RAPPS – RACF patients



Insights

- First lockdown in Melbourne Impacts of lockdowns include families unable to view facilities, some facilities not accepting patients until cleared of COVID, decreased community supports available i.e. PCA, family
- Second lock down & 50% reduction in rehab bed capacity at Golf Links Road (GLR)
- 3. Beginning of Delta outbreak
- PH became a streaming hospital 1
 October
- Patient cohort changed when closed beds at GLR
- Acute ALOS relatively flat while RAPPS increased ALOS 8.3 days

With an increase in UBD in patients waiting for transfer to residential aged care there is an increase in ALOS

Peninsula Health

Acute ——RAPPS

Source: Online report A076 27

Workflow mapping showed discharge planning occurs late in the patient's journey "These are challenging and life changing "Sub acute often have to be the "Transfers and bed conversation to have with bearers of bad news, this moves for patients with families" conversation should have delirium and dementia started earlier " exacerbate symptoms" Other DC planning process occurs is the patien a GEM bed Will the pat handover and Patient transferre Waitlist for GEM located suitable staff liaise with have a sultabl scaluation and compley peeds evaluation and management therefore alm GEM requirement roylded to PH and **Insights** Discharge planning for RACF occurs late in patient stay PH ACAS team 2. Family meetings, ACAS, Neuropsychology and POA assessments often need to occur and can be have significant waits / delays Process relies on families to source and decide on a facility "For many patients the discharge destination is not **clear** – they want the chance to try to get home " Peninsula Health

Pressure for acute beds and patient and family expectations contribute to high unnecessary bed days



Opportunities:

- Allow longer acute stay for patients identified as needing RACF in acute
- Have conversation in acute where appropriate and complete ACAS on the spot in acute wards
- Embed designated resource to manage patient cohort, support families and liaise with facilities

Challenges

Patients and families often need the chance to "try" and get home

Nursing home placement is a very difficult decision that cant be rushed, feedback from families they are often not ready to have these conversations earlier and don't want to feel pressured.

Several projects already completed in the space



Improvement action plan

- Acknowledge challenges, continue to engage team to understand issues
- Engage leadership team and broader stakeholder group to understand implications of longer acute length of stay
- Establish a cross continuum team to test and measure PDSA cycles
- Continue to track UBD trends across the health service



NSW COVID-19 Care in the Community

Amith Shetty Clinical Director, NSW Ministry of Health



Background

- In the current surge, as of 16th
 October, there have been 74919
 COVID-19 cases in NSW
 - 1633 ICU episodes (2.2%),
 - 8354 hospitalisations (11.2%),
 - 12353 ED episodes (16.5%),
 - 18714 HITH episodes (25%)
 - 5089 Medihotel admissions (6.8%)
 and
 - 24674 out of hospital (32.9%)

- On 24th June, NSW had administered 748701 vaccine doses and as of yesterday, 12,099,297 doses had been administered
- The risk to the community has drastically changed over the last 4 months
- Majority of the care will continue to occur in the Community setting

A tumultuous journey...



Action Plan and Progress

COVID-19 Care in the Community 7-point action plan (Original)

COVID-19 Care in the Community teams

 LHD/ Networks teams development

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COVID-19 Care in the Community guideline

- ► ACI/MOH/RPA virtual partnership
- Paediatric Community care guideline

COVID-19 Confirmed Community Patient tracker

- ▶ PFP live patient tracker
- ► ROH-based risk scoring and daily severity tracker

Care in Community Supply Chain

Modelling-informed Pulse oximeter/ home-monitor procurement.

Virtual Care Strategy

- ► Patient engagement Apps
- Virtual Accelerator achievements.
- Ambulance VCC secondary triage

COVID-19 community care clinical pathways

- ► COVID-19 Proactive life planning
- ► ED / Hospital avoidance
- ► Ambulance CCC pathway

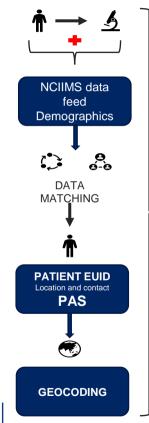
COVID-19 mental health support

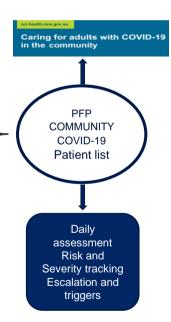
- Support resources in isolationApps
- Pathway for patients with mental illness.





COVID-19 Confirmed Community patient tracker





NCIIMS and Operational Data Store (PAS) linkage

Automated, real-time – data management

Iterative designing and solution delivery

State-wide, all services and demographics

Ability to share patients list and integrate with VC platforms, Apps, peripherals

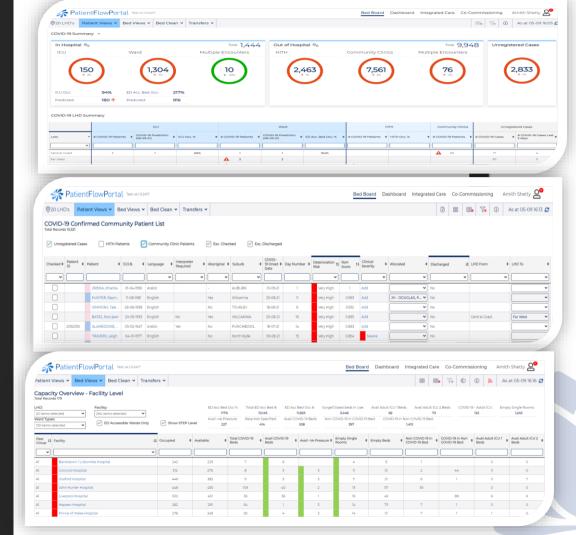
Ability to send SMS/ e-mail notifications (under development)







COVID-19 Summary dashboard



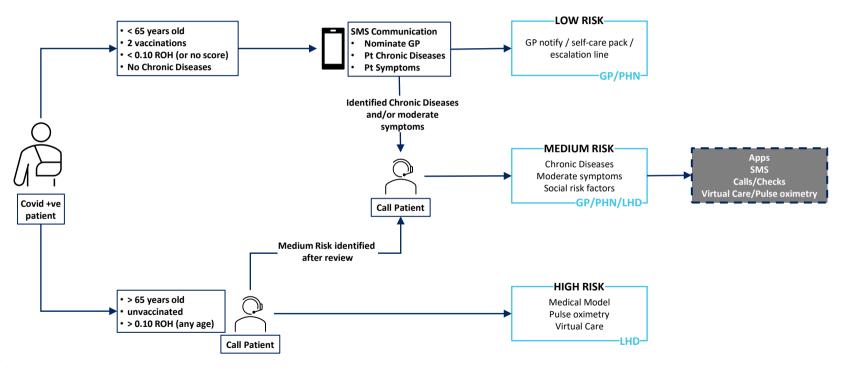


Key components to the strategy

Activity is monitored in real-time through our Ambulance Arrivals Board, and Patient Flow Portal providing visibility and coordination across system	Intensive Care Unit (ICU)			
 Ambulance demand 	 Monitoring and coordination of ICU capacity and demand 			
► Transfer of Care	 Ventilator management and distribution 			
 Out of Hospital Care activity 	► Equipment, consumables, pharmaceutical monitoring and			
► Community COVID-19 cases	distribution			
► Emergency Department activity and Short Term Escalation	► ICU staff deployment			
Plan (STEP)	▶ ICU Pandemic Short Term Escalation Plan			
► Hospital Activity and STEP level	► Intensive Care Advisory Service (ICAS)- virtual support			
► ICU Activity and STEP level	► Temporary hospital solutions			
Centralised Patient Flow Unit				

SUMMARY WORKFLOW - FUTURE STATE - PATIENT JOURNEY

Identify 1st triage Notify 2nd triage Management





Health

Age < 65, ROH <0.10 or No chronic disease flag and doubly vaccinated people have 1 in 1000 risk of ICU

Action Plan and Progress

COVID-19 Care in the Community 7-point action plan (Current)

COVID-19 Care in the Community teams

- ▶ Baseline composition
- Define surge and capacity limits
- ► Funding models.

COVID-19 Care in the Community guideline

- ► ACI adult V3 and Pediatric
- Co-designing healthpathways and transition workflows

COVID-19 Confirmed Community Patient tracker

- De-isolation
- Auto-triaging for primary care transition
- ► Technical integration

Analytics-driven Supply Chain Management

Equipment and Therapeutics.

Virtual Care Strategy

- Quality safety frameworks
- ► Costing and Evaluation.
- Capacity and sourcing

COVID-19 community care models

- ► COVID-19 Proactive life planning
- ► ED / Hospital avoidance
- ► Post/Long- COVID
- ► Transition to Primary care

COVID-19 Psychosocial Wellbeing support

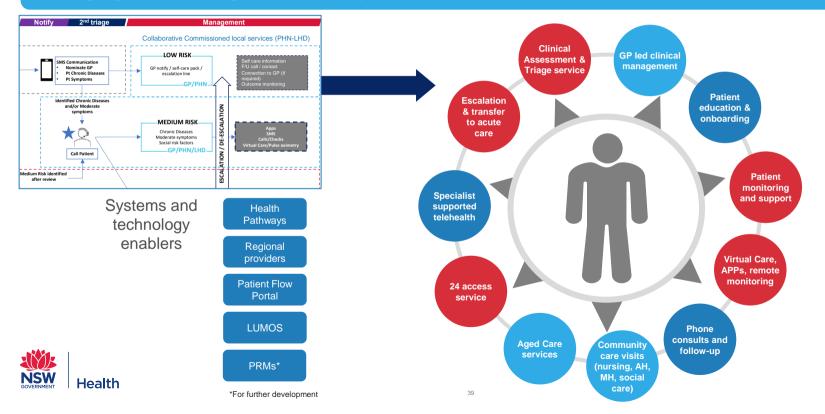
- ▶ Mapping and cleansing
- ► Redesign central versus local models





What could the one-system environment look like?

Regional partnerships will design and commission services appropriate for their local needs, leveraging their existing services and providers

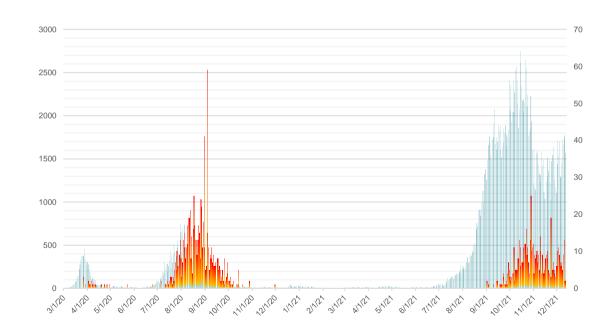


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The Third COVID Wave



Deaths



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The End of a Tough Year...



Picture: Sunset over Bolte Bridge, Melbourne / DocklandsTony / creativecommons

Questions

Please type your question in the chat

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year

This is the final COVID + Pathway Learning Network webinar for 2021. We will resume on 19 January 2022.

Resources

1. Learning Network webinar recordings and slides https://www.bettersafercare.vic.gov.au/support-training/learning-networks/covid-pathways

- 2. COVID Clinical Shared Resources SharePoint page Secure site for sharing, with permission, health service developed COVID-19 resources.
 - To register for access and to share resources contact centresofclinicalexcellence@safercare.vic.gov.au
- 3. Department of Health COVID-19 clinical guidance and resources https://www.health.vic.gov.au/covid-19/for-health-services-and-professionals-covid-19

Get in contact

- Please complete our short <u>survey</u>
- To register for future webinars email us: <u>centresofclinicalexcellence@safercare.vic.gov.au</u>
- If you have specific questions relating to the COVID+ Pathways please email the Department of Health at covid+pathways@health.vic.gov.au