

Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine

Grand Rounds Q&A - June 25, 2020

Seems easy to me - Everyone of these patients needs to have an ED care plan that can be rapidly accessed anytime they arrive with details of what to do and which cardiologist to call in an emergency

On netcare for any patient who has been seen in the past 2 years.

Would it be possible for these patients to have a "care plan" in SCM that states their anatomy or surgical history and gives their "normal" vital signs.

Agree with Marc. Should likely be involving the adult congenital cardiologist for acute ED presentations in these patients. Do our unit clerks/RAAPID have a list of the "congenital heart disease cardiologist" on call? I don't see it listed on ROCA.

1) is PLC considered the designated ACHD site for Calgary - just thinking that EP is at FMC so if the last case you described happened I don't know where I'd send them and 2) how to best connect patients to your clinic, I've met several new to Calgary ACHD patients who don't have GP's or cardiologists and show up first to emerg

1)Yes, ACHD clinic is at PLC.

2)Clinic is in referral directory, or can call ACHD on call during daytime

Is congenital cardiology in ROCA?

No, will discuss with Michelle offline to make this happen

Are these patients directed to go to the PLC ER and does anaesthesia/Radiology know that we may need specific management/imaging for these patients and do they have protocols for them?

An SCM care plan like we have with hematology would be better than using Netcare letters. Just my opinion.

This is going to vary depending on the congenital defect/subsequent repair - but how common is it that these adult patients are anticoagulated? Large majority?

Yes, large majority

Great that consults are on netcare, but still wondering if we can generate SCM care-plans for these high-risk patients in the event that they are encountered during netcare outages etc?

Will discuss offline to make this happen

It sounds like the information is found in the last clinic note, but it would be better to have an Emergency Treatment Plan note so that it is flagged upon ED arrival.

It's not enough to just be in SCM. It needs to be created as an "Emergency Treatment Plan" note to get the automatic flag upon arrival.

Yes, will address this with Michelle offline.

Thanks so much! Super helpful :)