

VIRTUAL ALL STAFF TOWN HALLS



January 17, 2024



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Virtual All Staff Town Hall

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Agenda for January 17

- ▶ **Introduction** – *R. Crocker Ellacott*
- ▶ **Patient Story** – *A. Halvorsen*
- ▶ **Digital Health Strategic Roadmap** – *C. Fedell*
- ▶ **Respiratory Illness Season Update** – *A. Purves*
- ▶ **Emergency Codes** – *C. Edwards, M. Richard*
- ▶ **Employee Engagement Survey Update** – *J. Verdenik*
- ▶ **Your Questions Answered** – *J. Wintermans*
- ▶ **Closing Remarks** – *R. Crocker Ellacott*



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Introduction

Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, *President and CEO, TBRHSC and CEO, TBRHRI*



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Patient Story



Amy Halvorsen, Manager of Paediatrics & Paediatric Outpatient



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Digital Health Strategic Roadmap

Cindy Fedell, *Regional Chief Information Officer, Northwestern Ontario Hospitals, Regional CIO and Informatics*



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Our Digital Health Vision is...

“...to be a leading health system - enabled by innovative digital transformation - where partners work together to achieve the best outcomes and care experience for the people of North Western Ontario”

- ▶ **At the centre** of our Vision, a person, patient, client.
- ▶ **Each person is surrounded by a person-centric record**, one where clinicians work seamlessly in a single record, regardless of where they work or how they are funded (*the graphic's multi-coloured circle slices*).
- ▶ **Many other tools** will both link into and leverage the single health record (*the graphic's blue bubbles*).
- ▶ **As technology changes** and we continue to innovate, our Vision provides for those tools also to link into our record (*the graphic's hollow outer bubbles*).



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Our Vision will be achieved in phases

Transforming care innovatively...

PHASE 1

*...with the North
Western Ontario Health
Record (NWOHR)*

PHASE 2

*...through advanced
analytics & research*

*while continuing to build the
NWOHR*

PHASE 3

...with new digital health

*while continuing to build the
NWOHR & advancing
analytics & research*

North Western Ontario Health Record

The NWOHR is a 'single', person-centric record spanning the continuum of care in North Western Ontario



Transforming care innovatively...

Key Foci

- ▶ Automating as much as possible of the care continuum
- ▶ Improving decision-supports for clinicians
- ▶ Improving management with dashboards
- ▶ Beginning to rebalance digital equity and support wellness

Supporting Foci

- ▶ Laying the foundations for teaching, advanced analytics and research
- ▶ Continuing to build system-wide privacy and security



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What does this mean for you and what comes next

- ▶ We will be taking the next year to prepare for the deployment.
- ▶ Making some further infrastructure improvements for cyber security.
- ▶ Doing some pharmacy standardization.
- ▶ Hiring some additional resources.
- ▶ Getting organized with and supporting our partners in the North East in completing their Expanse go-lives.
- ▶ We will keep you posted as we get closer to kick off.

Respiratory Illness Season Update

Anne Purves, *Patient Flow Operations Coordinator*



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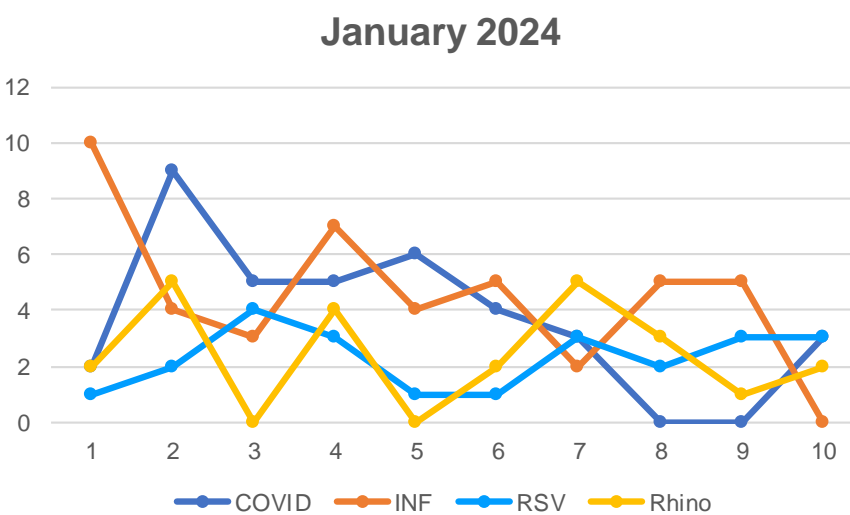
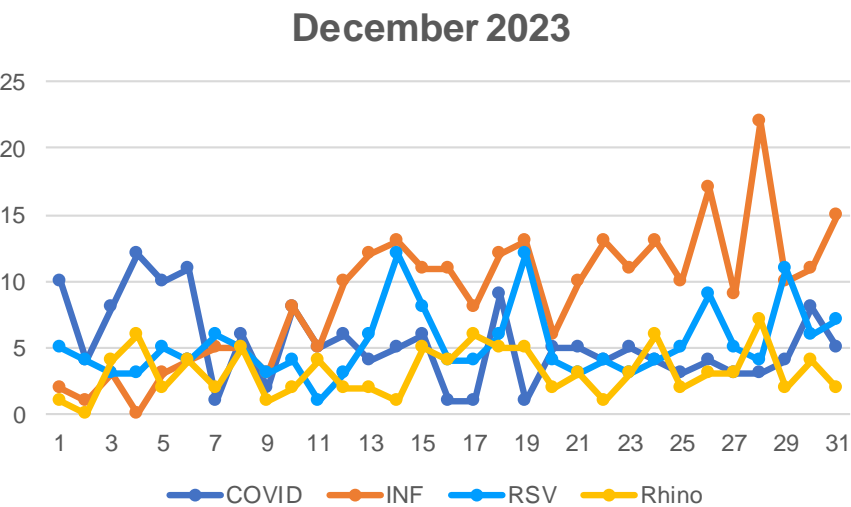
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Respiratory Illness Season Update

► **Current Status** – December 2023 and January 2024 Trends



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Respiratory Illness Season Update

Current Status Cont.

- ▶ 10 COVID-19 outbreaks since September.
- ▶ 8,463 visits to the Emergency Department in December.
- ▶ **Precautions:** Level 3 masks is required by all staff, volunteers, and ECPs while in all care areas, in both inpatient and outpatient areas, and while unable to maintain physical distance.



Revised Emergency Codes

Crystal Edwards, *Director, Women & Children's and Adult & Forensic Mental Health Programs*

Mēsha Richard, *Emergency Preparedness Lead*



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Code Black: Revised policy launched November 2023

Key changes:

- ▶ Expanded “suspicious items” definition,
- ▶ eObservation to report department/unit search results,

Process reminders:

- ▶ Bomb Threat Information Cards (PRN 11) must be located by all Hospital phones.
- ▶ Authority to activate a Code Black rests with the Senior Leader on Call and Administrative Coordinator (after-hours).
- ▶ If you see something, say something! Report suspicious items to Switchboard “55”.

Code Amber: Revised policy launched December 2023

Key changes:

- ▶ Maximum of 10 minutes to complete a preliminary dept/unit search prior to activating a Hospital-wide Code Amber Search.
- ▶ eObservation to report department/unit search results.

Process reminders:

- ▶ Infant/child is not located following a preliminary search or you receive information that suggests an actual or potential abduction, activate Code Amber Search by calling Switchboard “55”
- ▶ Designated staff report to and monitor assigned exit points.
- ▶ Escort guardian(s) to the Information Desk for reunification.
- ▶ If the missing infant/child is seen, notify Switchboard and escort them to the Information Desk.

Code Yellow: Revised policy launching soon!

Process reminders:

- ▶ Determine whether the missing patient would be considered “HIGH RISK.” If uncertain, discuss with the Most Responsible Physician and/or Unit Manager, or Administrative Coordinator (after hours) for a shared decision.
- ▶ If the patient is not high risk or there is a reasonable explanation for their absence (e.g., not on Hospital property) do not initiate Code Yellow – Search.
- ▶ If a high risk patient does not return to their unit, primary healthcare worker calls Switchboard “55” to activate Code Yellow – Search.
- ▶ If the patient is found, notify Switchboard and assist with returning the patient if required.

eObservation for Search Codes

Previous Process:

- ▶ Admitting contacts all areas for their search results for bomb threats, missing children, and missing patients.

New Process:

- ▶ Security will initiate an incident in eObservation to coincide with the code activation overhead announcement.
- ▶ Each department will be responsible for reporting their search results using eObservation within 10 minutes of an overhead announcement.
- ▶ If they are slow then Admitting will call to get them to confirm their search results. Note: Admitting and Security will see reporting results live!

REMINDER:

Step by step eObservation instructions have already been shared for Code Black and Code Amber! Please refer to these safety huddles for more information!

eObservation for Search Codes

Steps:

1. Login to eObservation.
2. Select which search code **type** (Amber/Black) you want to report on.
3. Select the current active search code.
4. Select your dept/unit
5. Click on a button saying you've either **Found** or **Not Found**

Home

Report on a Drill or Alarm 🚒

Fire

Code Red

Select this form to report on a Fire drill or actual code

Select

Report on a Code Search 🔍

Code Amber Search

Code Amber

View a list of active codes (if any) and report on them by Department

Select

0 Active

Code Black Search

Code Black

View a list of active codes (if any) and report on them by Department

Select

0 - Active



Employee Engagement Survey Update

Jeannine Verdenik, *Vice President, People & Culture*



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Participation Rate

2,084 Responses!

All Employees	63.4%
Full Time	73.7 %
Part Time	56.1 %
Casual	49.1 %
Temporary/Contract	60.9 %
Professional Staff	53.8 %

Breakdown by Employee Group	
Non-Union	74.5 %
COPE	80.2 %
ONA	60.8 %
OPSEU	73.6 %
OPSEU-M	86.7 %
PIPSC	88.0 %
SEIU	41.6 %

93,285 Data Points to Analyze = lots of work to do!

Next Steps

- ▶ Data mining to determine and break out themes
- ▶ Reviewing and validating themes with departments
- ▶ Identifying opportunities / actions
- ▶ FOCUS – BIG 3 or most significant areas to create change
- ▶ Communicate and engage throughout organization
- ▶ Check in....Does this make sense...
- ▶ Pulse checks...



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Questions?



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Closing Remarks

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