

## **Hello again!!!**

Here are some new updates

### **Admissions:**

Can you please add the words "bipap" or "cpap" in the admission area where you put the attending name and diagnosis. We would like to have these patients get beds first. They are aerosolizing and we would like to get them out of the ER if possible.

### **DNR/DNI:**

We have many patients being made DNR/DNI by the inpatient and ICU staff. We have asked nursing to place a bracelet on the patients wrist if they are DNR/DNI so that we are aware.

### **Mental Health:**

This is very important right now. We are scheduling a zoom meeting with our psych department, Dr Vis. He did this with internal medicine and it was very well received. Our sim division is doing a weekly debrief which has been great for everyone to express their thoughts. The email that Adrian sent out regarding his wellness morning report was very informative and we would encourage someone during the morning and evening rounds to spend some time doing this. We are also working Dr Lau (our grad) to put something together.

### **Drug Shortages & treatment options:**

Please see attached for some information regarding drug shortages with some alternatives we thought might be useful. Also includes some treatment options.

### **Eating:**

Since we have so many bipap/cpap patients in the ER try eating outside or in the nurses lounge. Obviously I am not going to mandate anything but for your own safety am suggesting this.

### **COVID 19 Hospital:**

The governor designated UHB as a cover 19 hospital. What exactly that means for us we will find out in the next few days.

### **Transplant patients:**

If a transplant patient presents to ED with viral syndrome but appears to be stable, afebrile, tacrolimus and mycophenolate should be discontinued and patient should follow up with transplant NPs (718-270-3168) the following day if not immediately. If patient is febrile or appears ill, patient should be admitted to the transplant service. Dr Sumrani should be informed of every transplant patient visit to the ED. I am always available and you can reach me at 917-886-2468, pager is 917-760-1002.

### **Lockers and showers:**

We know some have expressed an interest in showering prior to leaving work. We are working on this. Give us a day or two.

Let us know how our new PPE process is working and if you are having any issues with this or anything else.