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Dear Colleagues,

The current demand for ICU beds is such that the healthcare system must look at every alternative to create capacity and continue to provide care to every patient as they present themselves. As a result, Shared Health has determined it necessary to undertake the movement of patients, without patient/family consent, to facilities in other provinces to create more capacity in Manitoba and it is necessary that we continue to do so as required to meet the demand.

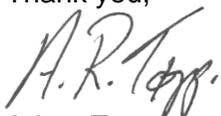
To address your concerns, I acknowledge and confirm for all physicians that the decision to undertake the transfer of patients, without patient/family consent, from Manitoba facilities to facilities in other provinces is a Shared Health decision and is not the decision of the treating physicians. While Shared Health relies heavily on your clinical expertise to assist in determining which patients can be considered for transfer, we confirm that for matters arising from the decision to undertake intra and/or inter-provincial transfers, without consent, Shared Health will remain accountable.

In addition, we can advise that discussions have been held between our liability insurer and the CMPA. As a result, we understand that the CMPA will be sending out a communication soon to its Manitoba members providing you with further assurances.

Decisions as to which sites are available to, and have ICU capacity to, accept patients in transfer are also Shared Health's decision and we remain accountable for that decision. We understand that the site of transfer is an important aspect of clinical decision-making and Dr. Bojan Paunovic or his designate are available to provide necessary information about the ICU to which the patient would be transferred.

We request that, under the direction of Dr. Bojan Paunovic, or his designate, when requested by them, you identify patients that are appropriate for transfer to ICU's in other provinces and/or within Manitoba. Dr. Bojan Paunovic, or a designate, will make themselves available as required to assist in the determination of patients who are suitable for transfer. We would also request that once a patient has been identified for transfer, you facilitate the transfer of the patient by ensuring that the appropriate information and documents regarding the transfer are shared and communicated as may be appropriate.

Thank you,



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