Medicine Strategic Clinical Network: Long COVID

Background

The Medicine Strategic Clinical Network™ (MSCN™) Long COVID Working Group was established in February 2021 to support the management of patients with Long COVID by developing strategies and tools to harmonize a provincial approach of clinical services and evaluation for Long COVID, focusing on specialty care and primary-specialty care integration.

Key Objectives

Collaborate with stakeholders to:

- to identify and address gaps in Long COVID knowledge and services;
- co-design supportive strategies/guidelines/tools for the management of patients with Long COVID;
- design, implement, and manage the REDCap database for Long COVID;
- establish provincial data collection and analytic capability to support clinical care, increase understanding of Long COVID condition(s), and provide opportunities for ongoing quality improvement.

Project Deliverables

Since launching this work, the working group has now completed its original mandate. The following deliverables have been achieved:

- Provincial referral guidelines and triage criteria for the management of Long COVID have been developed and implemented, AHS staff can access via Insite.
- Co-developed provincial and zonal pathways (Provincial Adult Long COVID Pathway) resource tools.
- Implemented a common data collection system and standardized metrics, including patient-reported experience measures and patient-reported outcome measures, for the Interprofessional Out-patient (IPOP) Long COVID clinics.
- Developed a provincial evaluation framework for the respiratory-focused Long COVID clinics which can be customized by stakeholders.
- Established the MSCN™ Respiratory COVID Research Collaborative to facilitate a provincial approach to respiratory-focused COVID research.
- The MSCN will now move to focus on providing oversight and support for the provincial data repository and continue to participate in the provincial governance of the AHS Long-COVID response.

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