

REACH Niagara Provider Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022

1. EMR update - we have added a Paxlovid Rx form and the Public Health tele-psychiatry referral form.
2. We received \$50 gift cards: 45 of them from the OHT, to give to our homeless patients. We discussed how we might distribute them without creating adverse outcomes. We decided that we would hand them out from the mobile unit only, on or near holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, etc. We'll offer one to each person who attends on those days.
3. For patients who have a family doctor (or are patients of a CHC), we want to avoid interfering with MD-Pt relationship; it's so difficult to get a doctor, we don't want to be the reason our patients lose theirs. So please:
 - copy FD on labs/imaging/referrals
 - avoid prescribing/renewing long-term meds - direct them to call or visit their family doc/CHC. Sometimes people can't reach their MD, or feel mistreated; use your judgement.
4. Karim Ali gave an excellent summary on prescribing Paxlovid. Unfortunately the recording did not work; we'll re-record and I'll share the link. Meantime:
<https://Covid19-druginteractions.org/checker.com>
karim.ali@niagarahealth.on.ca
 1. On May 25 NHS is launching its new service called SCOPE, providing easier access to Internal Medicine, Radiology, Patient Navigation and Home Care. We had a talk about it a month or 2 ago during a Zoom meeting. We each need to sign up individually to use this; I've signed up and encourage you all to try this; it might help for our REACH work as well as in our regular practices. <https://www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/scope-niagara>
 1. Next meeting: in person on May 31 from 1-4pm at Southridge Church 201 Glenridge Ave, St. Catharines, ON L2T 3J6. I hope to see you all there! If you'd like to participate but are only able via Zoom let me know.