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Management Guidelines for Patients with COVID-19: Rapid Cycle Improvement

(HFHS)



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Aims:

- To rapidly devise, continually improve, educate, and implement a live and changing COVID-19 management guideline based upon emerging best available evidence.
- To optimize the care of patients with COVID-19 and improve patient outcomes.

Plan

Background

- HFHS was impacted early in the global COVID-19 pandemic when virtually no information
 was known about the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus
- The first SARS-CoV-2 infection was detected at HFHS on March 11, 2020
- . Since 2020, HFHS has experienced 4 distinct surges of COVID-19 patients

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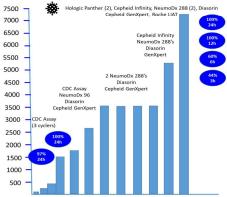
Interventions Implemented

Major Milestones in COVID-19 Guideline Rapid Cycle Improvement



SARS-CoV-2 Testing

- HFHS lab first in Michigan to offer in house PCR testing
- Leveraged 6 different testing platforms to maximize capacity and ensure rapid turn around time
- Supply chain continues to be an ongoing challenge, daily monitoring is required for lab supplies, swabs and transport media



Data courtesy Dr. Zarbo, HFHS Pathology and Lab Medicine

Do Interventions Implemented

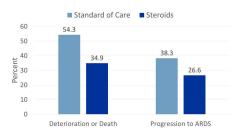
- Early adopter remdesivir: March 18, 2020 guidelines; multiple revisions to remdesivir criteria in response to clinical trial data and ongoing
- Early adopter steroids: March 20, 2020 guidelines; dose reduction to REECOVERY trial equivalent in December 2020
 Early adopter immunomodulators: March 18, 2020 guidelines; multiple
- revisions to criteria in response to clinical trial data and ongoing
- Early adopter anticoagulation: Anticoagulation tier 1 formalized April 2020;
 Added link to COVID-19 management guideline
- Education and Implementation: supported by Infectious Diseases, with daily unit rounding during the first surge of the pandemic in 2020
- Epic Helios support for implementation: GPU and ICU add on order sets; Epic orderables with mandatory questions and criteria embedded for baricitinib, remdesivir, and tocilizumab; frequent updates as guidelines change
- Incident command facilitated rapid cycle improvement to guidelines: Monthly
 committee meetings were not always timely enough to facilitate practice
 improvements to COVID-19 management. Incident command facilitated rapid
 approvals as needed. Antimicrobial subcommittee and Medication Management
 Committee approved all changes electronically or at monthly meetings following
 all incident command approvals, refining the final product published in
 PolicyStat.
- Ongoing improvements: include criteria changes to COVID therapeutics, dose changes, addition of anticoagulation recommendations, monoclonal antibodies, and more.

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Results

Rapid cycle improvements have been subject to multiple observational studies by the HFHS team, demonstrating patient outcome improvements, and resulting in meaningful peer-reviewed publications

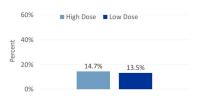
Early corticosteroids for hypoxia associated with improved COVID-19 outcomes



Fadel R et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021

Check Results

No difference in 28-day mortality with high vs. low dose corticosteroids



Joshi S et al. Open Forum Infect Dis 2022

Earlier administration of tocilizumab is associated with improved outcomes

Factors Associated with 28-day mortality in multivariable regression

Factor	Adj OR	95% CI	p-value
Tocilizumab within 12 days of symptom onset	0.296	0.098-0.889	0.030
Male sex	2.363	0.809-6.903	0.116
SOFA ≥ 8	2.842	1.042-7.753	0.041

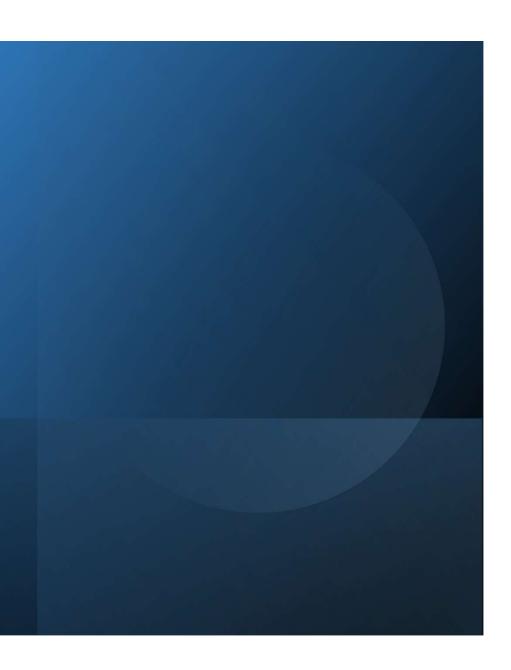
Morrison AR et al. Journal of Autoimmunity 2020; 114: article 102512

Act Sustain and Spread

- Medication use evaluations were completed for baricitinib and remdesivir in 2021 to ensure guideline criteria were met and to target resources for maximum benefit
- Education ongoing at division conferences & meetings as guidelines evolve
- Key stakeholders rapidly review newly published literature and refine the guidelines in response to this continually evolving pandemic
- Pediatric COVID-19 and outpatient therapeutic recommendations (nirmatrelavir, molnupiravir, and remdesivir 3-day course)
- Conference abstracts and publications in the peer reviewed literature help to spread best practices outside of HFHS

Debrief Lessons Learned and Keys to Success

- Teamwork! Leveraged antimicrobial stewardship infrastructure of interdisciplinary stakeholders.
- 1st in Michigan inhouse PCR testing
- Rapid cycle improvement and early adoption of testing, antivirals, immunomodulators, anticoagulation, non pharmacologic interventions saved lives
- · Incident command essential to rapid cycle improvement
- · Infectious Diseases leadership on education and implementation
- · Epic Helios team critical to implementation



- Scored high in Safety and Quality
- Team Members include: Rachel Kenney, PharmD, BCIDP- ID PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Director, HFHS and many many others...