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UPDATE - COVID-19 Procedure/Surgery Assessment form– Clarification for use with Obstetric Patients

What is New?

The Fraser *COVID-19 Pre-Surgical/Procedure Patient Assessment – Adult* screening form has been updated in response to the revised FH Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) standard operating protocol to include a question and additional COVID-19 testing recommendations for patients who have obstructive sleep apnea **and** who use a CPAP machine. (see attached separate KYI for the surgical program)

- The purpose for including the question is to screen patients that are going to be using their CPAP post-operatively. Patients cannot use CPAP in an open bay PACU or multiperson room unless they have been tested and are COVID negative.
- If the patient will not require her CPAP machine post procedure, then the COVID swab is NOT required.
- If the patient will require CPAP in recovery (or if she plans to use CPAP while on the ward), then she should be swabbed for COVID.

What Do I Need to Know?

The FH [APG protocol](#) outlines that:

- Any patient who requires CPAP during their admission should be tested for COVID-19, when possible prior to the procedure. For patients who plan to use their CPAP machine while in hospital, the patient should be managed in a single occupancy room should be should be tested for COVID-19, when possible prior to the procedure.
- Manage the patient as suspect COVID-19 in while waiting for test results, when possible.

How?

The following points outline clarifications for use of the OSA screening question for obstetrics patients:

Scheduled/Elective/Procedure

- Ask the new OSA question located in the 24-72 hour box during pre-screening and follow the recommendation for COVID-19 testing if the patient has been directed to use her CPAP machine post recovery or plans to use her CPAP machine while on the ward
- Admit to a private room post-operatively prior to CPAP machine use until test results are available

Urgent/Emergent/Procedure (all patients screened during the triage assessment after arrival to the perinatal unit who are anticipated to be admitted in the subsequent 72 hours)

- Ask the new OSA question in the 24-72 hour box during pre-screening and test the patient for COVID-19 if the patient will be using her CPAP machine while on the ward at any time during her stay regardless of exposure risk or presence of symptoms.
- Admit to a private room postpartum while awaiting test results if CPAP machine will be used

Questions?

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