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Respirology

Service Description
This service will be provided by Dr. Martha Anslie, Respirologist, at the Health Sciences Centre using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Dr. Ainslie may provide a diagnosis and treatment plan based on relevant history, physical findings and diagnostic investigations. This service is available to adult patients only for the management of non-urgent respiratory illnesses including, but not limited to tuberculosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, asthma, and concerns about lung nodules or abnormal lung imaging.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient has any of the following conditions and meets additional criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ Any respiratory illness/condition - including but not limited to; tuberculosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, asthma, and concerns about lung nodules or abnormal lung imaging
✓ Non-urgent referrals

Exclusion Conditions
× Pediatric patients
× Pulmonary hypertension
× Urgent referrals

Attachment Guidelines
• Most recent chest X-ray – either via PACS or a digital picture of the X-ray
• Spirometry/PFT’s (if available)
• CT-scan (if available)
• Blood work (LFT’s, CBC if available)
• Sputum AFB (if available for TB referrals)
• DOTS record (if available for TB referrals)
Dermatology

You MUST provide a valid PHIN and Provincial Health Number before submitting a referral. eConsult (Store and Forward) is NOT appropriate if the patient does not have a valid PHIN or Provincial Health Number. If a valid PHIN or Provincial Health Number is not available you must follow the referral process for a face to face specialist appointment.

Exclusions

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Photograph Guidelines

There are three photos required per area involved:

1. **“Anatomic part” image**
   - Shows the anatomic part involved. (e.g. from arm to hand)

2. **Close up image**
   - As close to having the affected area fill the frame as possible. (e.g. the forearm with the affected area)

3. **Close up 45 degree image**
   - Fills the frame at 45 degrees. (e.g. 45 degree image of the forearm showing the height of the affected area)

Photo Management

- The photos will be taken with an approved digital camera and then uploaded to the eConsult (Store and Forward) referral via the USB cable provided with the camera.
- Once the photos are uploaded a short description of each image should be provided. This helps to identify the image for the specialist.
- Please delete all pictures from the camera following submission of the referral.

Additional Attachment Guidelines

- Additional attachments (other than images) can also be added to the eConsult (Store and Forward) referral when required. These attachments are added in the same manner as images.
- The user should double check that the attachments open properly and the images are suitable within the MBT scheduling system before sending notification of the new referral to the specialist.
- There is no maximum number of attachments for a referral but only 3 attachments can be added to a referral at the same time. **Click here** to view the eConsult Reference Guide.
Otolaryngology

Service Description
This service will be provided by Dr. Bernard Thess and Dr. Michael Gousseau, Otolaryngologists, at the Portage Clinic using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Dr. Thess or Dr. Gousseau may provide a diagnosis and treatment plan based on relevant history, physical findings and diagnostic investigations. This service is available to both adult and pediatric patients for the management of specific ear, nose, and throat conditions.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient has any of the following conditions and meets additional criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ Ear infections
✓ Hearing loss
✓ Tonsillitis
✓ Sleep apnea/sleep disordered breathing
✓ Facial skin lesions on the ears, nose, face and neck
✓ Chronic sinusitis in adults
✓ Nasal fracture in adults
✓ Ear deformity in patients 16 years of age and under
✓ Non-urgent referrals

Exclusion Conditions
✗ Swallowing disorders
✗ Hoarseness
✗ Voice disorders
✗ Neck or thyroid mass
✗ Vertigo
✗ Facial trauma
✗ Urgent referrals

Attachment Guidelines
Hearing loss (adult and pediatric): Hearing test results are required.
Chronic sinusitis in adults: CT scan results are required.
Nasal fracture in adults: Picture 4 days after injury is required. (Full face - frontal view: nose should be pointing directly towards the camera with equal amounts of both sides of the face in the picture.)
Ear infection adults: Hearing test results are required.
**Ear deformities pediatric (age 16 years and under):** 2 pictures are required.

1. Full face (frontal view) – nose should be pointing directly towards the camera with equal amounts of both sides of the face in the picture.

2. Top of head – hair should be pulled back so that the ears are visible.

**Lesion removal adults:** Previous pathology if applicable and 2 pictures are required.

1. Anatomical image – showing the anatomical part involved (face, neck or ear).

2. A close up image - as close to having the lesion fill the frame as possible.

**Sleep apnea in adults:** Picture of inside of the patient’s mouth and a sleep study result are required.
Infectious Diseases

Service Description
This service will be provided by Dr. John Embil, Infectious Diseases Specialist, at the Health Sciences Centre using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Dr. Embil may provide a diagnosis and treatment plan based on relevant history, physical findings and diagnostic investigations. This service is available to adult patients for the management of non-urgent infectious diseases including, but not limited to; abscesses, infections, pressure ulcers and lesions.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient's condition meets the following criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ Adult patients only
✓ Any infectious diseases illness/condition - including but not limited to; abscesses, infections, pressure ulcers and lesions
✓ Non-urgent referrals

Exclusion Conditions
× Pediatric patients
× Urgent referrals

Attachment Guidelines
There are three photos required per area involved:

1 “Anatomic part” image
Shows the anatomic part involved. (e.g. from arm to hand)

2 Close up image
As close to having the affected area fill the frame as possible. (e.g. the forearm with the affected area)

3 Close up 45 degree image
Fills the frame at 45 degrees. (e.g. 45 degree image of the forearm showing the height of the affected area)
Nephrology
(St. Boniface Hospital and Seven Oaks General Hospital)

Service Description
This service will be provided by Nephrology specialists at the St. Boniface Hospital and Seven Oaks General Hospital Nephrology Clinics using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Specialists may provide a diagnosis and treatment plan based on relevant history, physical findings and diagnostic investigations. This service is available only for the management of non-urgent kidney-related illnesses.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient's condition meets the following criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ Refer to the Kidney Health Referral Pathway
✓ Single issue questions, including but not limited to:
   • optimal drug choices and dosing in CKD
   • workup of AKI
   • general guidance for patients with early stage CKD or those at low risk of CKD progression
✓ Non-urgent referrals

Exclusion Conditions
× eGFR <15
× Life-threatening electrolyte imbalances
× Urgent referrals

Attachment Guidelines
• Previous eGFR value(s) are required
• Previous Albumin/Creatinine Ratio (ACR) value(s) are required
• A medication list is required
• Renal Ultrasound Report if available
• Other lab results if available
Orthopedics

Service Description
This service will be provided by the Manitoba Orthopedic Trauma Group (MOTG) at Health Sciences Centre (HSC) using the MBTelehealth Store and Forward (SAF) application. The MOTG group will provide diagnosis and support at a distance in the management of non-urgent musculoskeletal (MSK) injuries for northern providers based on x-ray images and concise relevant history and physical findings. They may also offer rehabilitation advice where applicable. The primary care of the patient will remain with the referring provider. (Note: only approved sites may submit referrals for this specialty.)

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient’s condition meets the following criteria:

Inclusion Criteria Orthopedic eConsult
- All patients with a musculoskeletal injury, who have already received initial emergency management and do not need urgent transfer for additional care
- All patients who require additional X-ray interpretation by an MSK specialist
- All patients who require additional advice for an MSK injury
- Non-urgent referrals

Exclusion Criteria for Orthopedic eConsult
- Patients with neurovascular compromise
- Patients under the age of 17 years
- Spine injuries
- Open injuries
- Hand injuries
- Infections
- Urgent referrals

Photograph Guidelines
- Images of the standard X-ray (trauma series) of the injured extremity or joint.

Documentation Note
The MOTG group will not maintain a record for any patient they do not see. The referring provider/site is responsible for maintaining a copy of the completed consult from the MBTelehealth Store and Forward (SAF) application based on the site’s documentation procedures.
Pediatric Orthopedics

Service Description
This service will be provided by Dr. Susan Thompson, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Dr. Thompson will provide diagnosis and support at a distance in the management of non-urgent musculoskeletal (MSK) issues for pediatric patients only, based on x-ray images, concise relevant history, and physical findings. She may also offer rehabilitation advice where applicable. This service is available to all eConsult referring sites. The primary care of the patient will remain with the referring provider.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient’s condition meets the following criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ All pediatric patients with a musculoskeletal (MSK) concern who:
  • have already received initial management
  • require additional advice
  • do not need urgent transfer for additional care
✓ Non-urgent consult requests

Exclusion Conditions
✗ Patients with neurovascular compromise
✗ Patients over the age of 17 years
✗ Spine injuries
✗ Open injuries
✗ Infections
✗ Urgent consult requests

Attachment Guidelines
• A standard X-ray image of the involved area is required. X-rays may be attached to the eConsult request or available in PACS.
Plastic Surgery - Hand and Facial Trauma
(Health Sciences Centre)

Service Description
This service will be provided by Dr. Christian Petropolis and Dr. Leif Sigurdson, Plastic Surgeons at Health Sciences Centre, using the MBTelehealth eConsult (Store and Forward) application. Both physicians will provide diagnosis and support at a distance in the management of non-urgent plastic and reconstructive surgery including upper extremity, facial trauma and microsurgery based on x-ray images, concise relevant history, and physical findings. This service is available to all eConsult referring sites. The primary care of the patient will remain with the referring provider.

Guidelines
A request may be completed if a patient’s condition meets the following criteria:

Inclusion Conditions
✓ Facial fractures (patient must be stable)
✓ Facial soft tissue injuries (patient must be stable)
✓ Hand trauma (patient must be neurovascularly intact)
✓ Non-urgent consult requests

Exclusion Conditions
✗ Polytrauma
✗ Urgent consult requests

Attachment Guidelines
• X-rays or CT are required for mandible fractures
• CT is required for midface, zygoma and orbital fractures
• Photograph of face and close-up of injured area is mandatory for facial soft tissue injuries
• X-rays are required for hand trauma