

Vermont Department of Health

Altered Standards of Care



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Goals/products to be developed
- Overview of process
 - Review of existing guidance
 - Identification of Vermont strategies
 - By setting
 - Development and review of draft guidance
 - Assuring cross setting coordination
 - Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) review
- Workgroup composition
- Next steps

Goals and Product

- Development of a set of operational, clinical and legal guidance.
 - During times of scarce resources when altered standards of care may need to be implemented (pandemic flu used as extreme scenario)
 - Across settings (E911, EMS, ER, Inpatient/ICU, Alternate Care Sites, Home Health, Nursing Homes)
 - Describes decision-making process, thresholds and “triggers” as appropriate.

Process

- Review of existing guidance
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local
 - Professional organizations – profession specific, setting specific

Process

- Identification of Vermont Strategies
 - E911
 - EMS
 - Emergency Department
 - Inpatient/ICU
 - Alternate Care Sites
 - Home Health
 - Nursing Homes

Alternate Care Sites

| Low Impact Changes to Usual Care | Moderate Impact Changes to Usual Care | | High Impact Changes to Usual Care |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Just in time training for alternate care sites | Routine mutual aid initiated | Extend scope of practice of health care workers | Discharge patients to community |
| Staffing resources identified | Engage volunteers and family members to assist with basic patient care (ADLs) | Reduction in administrative functions and documentation | Reduce routine vital signs checking |
| Mutual aid agreements established | Reduction in medical oversight | Minimal lab or other testing | |
| Alternate care sites established and stocked | | | |



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Process

- Development of Draft Guidance
 - Recommended VT strategies
 - Draw from existing guidance
 - Draft materials for VT
 - Review, revision and approval by workgroups

Process

- Assuring cross-setting coordination
 - Initial planning done in “silos”
 - Decision making – i.e. triggers, sequences etc. interdependent
 - Bring certain sense of “systemness” to overall guidance – progressive, logical etc
 - As possible represent graphically
 - Flow charts
 - Algorithms

Process

- Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - Reviews final draft
 - Provides revisions
 - Forward to Commissioner of Health with recommendation for approval
 - ASC update and improvement process
TBD

Workgroup Composition

- Example #1:
 - Clinical
 - Administrative/Operational
 - Legal
- Example #2:
 - EMS and E911
 - ED, Inpatient/ICU, Alternate Care Sites
 - Nursing Homes and Home Health
 - Legal
- Example #3:
 - Other arrangement

Next Steps

- Work completed through a series of meetings to identify strategies, review draft guidance, make recommendations for inclusion in state guidance.
- Work completed over next 2-3 months
- Decide on meeting schedule