Hoag Orthopedic Hospital (HOI) Crisis Care Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure HOI has a plan for Covid-19 surge crisis care.

Capacity

HOI crisis care plan supports Hoag Hospital Irvine (HHI). If HHI critical care unit is filling with mixed patient population, then the plan is to transfer patients to Hoag Hospital Newport Beach Critical Care units if stable to do so. If the HHI critical care unit is full, and the patient is too unstable to be transferred, then the patient should be cared for in alternative locations in HHI such as HOI PACU. HHI program flex for use of the PACU would be implemented and requires closing this section for HOI. If this were to occur, HOI would utilize the Pre-op area for both pre-op and post-operative care which is limited to 18 bays, which would necessitate limiting surgery to Phase 1&2 patients (low risk, same day). HOI receives all ortho trauma cases that usually admit to Hoag Newport Beach.

Additionally, HHI could implement the program flex to utilize HOI 3rd floor which has a 36-bed capacity. This unit could be utilized to provide care for med/surg patients that are cared for by HOI staff. HOI would then only utilize the 2nd floor, with a 35-bed capacity, for surgical patients.

Supplies

HOI has increased the medications stored (Pyxis) in both the Pre-op area and on the 2nd floor to support this plan. HHI would bring their own Pyxis to PACU and additional supplies (ventilators, etc).

Staffing

Nursing staffing will maintain usual ratios. As the patient numbers increase, these numbers may require adaptation.

Any available staff scheduled at HOI will float to support HHI units. Additionally, all staff are requested to volunteer to work at HHI. Emergent training of HOI staff to care for Covid patients can provide additional support to HHI. There are current staff in HOI PACU that can care for Critical Care patients in HHI or when this plan is implemented. Nurse Practitioners volunteer for ED shifts.

