Section of Infectious Disease Clinical Service Expectations

Physicians practicing in the Edmonton Zone Section of Infectious Diseases must adhere to the CPSA Standards of Practice and Code of Conduct (https://cpsa.ca/physicians/) as well as Alberta Health Services Bylaws and Medical Staff Rules (https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/medstaff/page7086.aspx) and Connect Care Minimum Use Norms (https://publicshare.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/cmio/AHS_CC_Norm_Minimum-Use.pdf). In addition, there are a number of expectations specific to the clinical practice of Infectious Diseases in the Edmonton Zone that are outlined below.

In the clinical practice of Infectious Diseases in the Edmonton Zone, the following are minimum expectations:

- Volume of Clinical activity
    - For those doing inpatient work, minimum of 6 weeks of inpatient consult service per year
    - For those providing HIV ambulatory care, a minimum of 50 patient case load and Regular assessment of new referrals to the program including those newly diagnosed and undergoing rapid start ART
    - For those providing HCV care, a minimum of 20 HCV patients per year treated and 20 new patient referrals seen
    - For those providing HBV care, a minimum of 20 new referrals seen per year and a minimum case load of 50 patients (including those seen in the nurse run clinic)
- Documentation Expectations
    - Written inpatient consult on Connect Care (or paper chart where applicable) within 24 hours of when the consult was requested
        - Appropriate documentation of ID follow-up plans after initial consultation with clear sign off when patient no longer requiring ID follow-up.
        - Urgent orders or suggestions to be discussed directly with the consulting team; non-urgent orders to be pended on connect care or suggested within the note.
        - Expectation of collegial tone in written consults. Any areas of significant disagreement to be discussed directly with consulting service.
    - Documentation of phone advice given in Connect Care within 12 hours
    - Documentation of ambulatory encounters in accordance with the CPSA Referral Consultation (and related) Standard of Practice (https://cpsa.ca/physicians/standards-of-practice/referral-consultation/)

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