

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

May 2020 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Mohammed Wasim, Vice Chair

COVID – 19 resources

As you are well aware, the guidance on COVID-19 is constantly changing and we would recommend you keep yourself up to date by regularly visiting information sources such as the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance#guidance-for-health-professionals>

T&G CCG have recently published Version 12 of their Covid 19 GP guidance which I have attached. The guidance can also be found on our website

www.westpenninelmc@btconnect.com



COVID19 T&G GP
Guidance (Vs12) (1).pdf

Dr Joanna Bircher has summarised the changes to this guidance:

1. Addition of the presenting feature of unexplained sudden deterioration/delirium in the elderly in the top grey box
2. Removing the numbers attached to the risk categories to bring in line with RCGP
3. Addition of assessment of urine output to bring in line with RCGP
4. Addition of the Hospital at Home team.
5. Change in the hours for Palliative care advice to Monday to Friday 10-6 in the support to GPs, APs and GPNs box

Ramadan

You may find the following guidance on supporting staff who may be fasting useful:

<https://people.nhs.uk/guides/covid-19-and-ramadan/>

Covid-19 BAME Risk Assessment tool

A group of BAME (British Asian and ethnic minority) GPs and a Practice Manager have developed the attached SAAD (Safety, Assessment And Decision score) risk assessment toolkit for BAME colleagues, which is guidance to support the assessment of staff at risk of developing Covid-19 as a result of the work they carry out in General Practice. It is also subject to local interpretation as you see fit.



SAAD Score (1) - MJ-
R&B.pdf

Covid-19 BAME risk assessment webinar

To enable better understanding of the BAME SAAD, Dr Mohammed Jiva and Dr Bushera Chaudhury have organised a webinar, which is set to take place on Tuesday 19th May at 7.00pm. Please see the attached flyer for further details, including instructions on how to join the webinar.



BAME SAAD
webinar - 19th May

Moral Injury

Dr Amir Hannan, West Pennine LMC Chair, flagged the issue of “moral injury” of healthcare professionals during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please do be aware that your colleagues may suffer from moral injury and could therefore require additional support. The following article explains the basis of the Moral Injury and a methodology for organisations to consider, to help identify those that may be at risk of this:

[Enhancing mental health resilience and anticipating treatment provision of mental health conditions for frontline Healthcare workers involved in caring for patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic – A call for action](#)

The following link also contains important information on supporting colleagues:
<https://people.nhs.uk/>

GM Pharmacy closures

As I am sure you're aware, some of the pharmacies across Greater Manchester are having to shut due to staffing issues. I have attached the most up-to-date list of closures.



GM Pharmacy
Closures 150520 (1).

BARDOC/ GM Death Reporting service

We are aware that BARDOC, who are currently running the verification of deaths service in GM during the COVID19 pandemic, contacted practices, requesting that they set up an Aadastra account in order to submit special patient notes and statements of intent to them. We have had several queries around this as practices already have processes in place to inform the Out of Hours Service, NWS and the District Nurses of these patients, ensuring they have the relevant paperwork.

We are currently investigating the need for this new request with both BARDOC and the CCG as it appears to be quite an administrative burden, changing a system that has always worked well. We would like to suggest that for now practices do not change any existing procedures until the requirement from BARDOC is clarified.

We hope to be able to update you soon.

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Dr Raj Patel MBE



Happy Retirement Dr Patel!

The West Pennine LMC would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Raj Patel for his outstanding contribution to General practice and primary care. Dr Patel who is a much-loved GP Partner at the Brooke Surgery is set to retire next month. We know he will be greatly missed by his patients and colleagues. Dr Patel will continue to work in his national leadership role with NHS England and NHS Improvement and will support the practice as required.

Dr Alan Dow, West Pennine LMC Secretary, shared the following about Dr Patel:

Raj always told me that, when attending any meeting alongside Dr Kailash Chand, one should prepare a speech in case of a request for accolades and anecdotes...a situation we now find ourselves in with local Hyde GP, Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care NHS England, and MBE announcing his own retirement.

Of course, outside of titles, most of us recognise Raj as a gourmet of fine food and wine - a photographer and Instagram blogger of the same - and off piste skier who one should follow at their peril!

We first met and spent much time together while competing for top end access as ENT surgeon (Raj) and Anaesthetist (me), and our has relationship continued with many parallels over these many years. Raj had a GP adventure for a few years in Australia, was an early wave GPwSI in Dermatology and System wide Primary Care (PCG/PCT/NHSE/I) visionary- while all the time maintaining committed to his patients through his front line General Practice in Brooke Surgery Hyde.

Congratulations on pipping me to the post in retirement! Your Patients, Practice and T&G will remain thankful for years to come. (Best anecdotes available by direct request!)

Dr Amir Hannan, West Pennine LMC Chair, shared the following:

I remember meeting Dr Raj Patel very soon after I started at Market Street surgery in Hyde, where the infamous Shipman had been previously in 2000. Raj had this infectious smile that he has maintained ever since and despite all the challenges faced, he continued to shine a light on where opportunities may be to make a difference for colleagues, practices, primary care and latterly the wider health and social care system. As each year went by, his talks would always start by all the changes he has seen during his working life – I lost count many years ago as the NHS continually reorganised itself but he continued to be a solid figure. We always talked about the practices in Hyde coming together in some way and as Raj comes to put his stethoscope down for the last time, he leaves behind a legacy with Hyde PCN having strong GP practices that retain their autonomy whilst working collaboratively and supporting each other in ways we could only dream of when we first started. Always a professional but ready to provide advice, support and have a laugh, we wish him luck for the future. We will miss him as new clinicians start afresh and pick up the mantle, standing on the shoulders of giants like him.

DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

GM Shared Care Record

The DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) for the GM Shared Record has now been uploaded to the Information Sharing Gateway for data controller sign-off and I know many of you have already approved the agreement. Coded patient record data will be fed into the GM care record, ensuring patients are provided with the best possible care, based on the most accurate and up-to-date information. The DPIA covers the sharing and processing of data for direct care only; a second DPIA for secondary uses is currently being developed.

On behalf of GMIGG, (the Greater Manchester Information Governance Group) I was one of the reviewers of the DPIA, which has been through several iterations over the past 12 months. I continue to attend weekly GMIGG meetings and I have been asked to join the Task and Finish Group for the secondary uses DPIA. I am also the DPO representative for the GM GP Board Covid-19 Clinical Reference Group. As such, I am in a good position to keep up to speed with any developments regarding Graphnet/ the GM Digital Care Record and I will of course update you as required.

If you haven't already seen it, you may wish to view this short video, which explains how the GM Care Record will work:

<https://healthinnovationmanchester.com/gmcarerecord/>

Please also see the attached GM Care Record Briefing for further information:



GM Care Record
Brief.pdf

If you require any further information about the GM Care Record, or any other data protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417.