



Pre-operative COVID-LHO Rapid Testing for Admitted Surgical Adult Patients Requiring Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Therapy Devices – Medical Directive

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Authorizing Prescriber(s)

All Lakeridge Health Surgeons.

Authorized to Whom

Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses caring for pre-surgical adult patients within the surgical program that have the knowledge, skill, judgement and appropriate training to perform a COVID-LHO Rapid test.

Co-Implementers:

- Medical Laboratory Assistants/Technologists (MLA/T) employed at Lakeridge Health (LH), who have the knowledge, skill and judgement to process COVID-LHO Rapid test samples under this medical directive.

Patient Description/Population

Any adult patient with planned admission to an inpatient surgical unit where patient requires daily use of home CPAP machine.

Order and/or Procedure

These procedures are not presented in sequential order; any one of or combination of the procedures below may be performed by the nurse.

The authorized implementer will:

- Enter COVID-LHO Rapid test into the electronic ordering system.
- Collect COVID-LHO Rapid test swab the day of surgery during Pre-operative Phase.

Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

Any adult surgical patient requiring admission to an inpatient surgical unit post-operatively who requires daily use of home CPAP machine.

Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

This medical directive must not be implemented in the following circumstances:

- Patient or Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) refuses to consent to the procedure(s)
- Patients less than 18 years of age
- Patient does not require daily use of home CPAP machine

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- The patient has facial anomaly or facial trauma that interferes with swabbing

Consent

- The nurse implementing this medical directive must obtain consent.
- If the patient/SDM refuses to consent, or is unable to provide consent, contact the MRP immediately to determine plan of care.

Documentation Requirements

In addition to standard documentation practices, the nurse implanting this directive must document the following in the order section of the person's health record:

- The procedure performed on the patient
- The name of the medical directive
- The name of the implementer
- Legible signature of implementer, including credentials (unless documenting electronically)
- Date and time (unless documenting electronically)

Review/Evaluation Process

Surgical Program Quality Council will review this document every 2 years.