

Smilow Update: June 12, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

PPE Policy Updates

Along with the Yale New Haven Health System, our strategy to ensure a safe environment for our providers, staff, and our patients includes screening, testing, social distancing, and the use of multiple types of PPE. The health system provides a variety of types and brands of PPE to ensure availability of these materials and is adapting to various types given current demand for PPE, as such supplies may change or look different from what you are used to receiving.

- YNHHS is now issuing N95 respirators from a variety of manufacturers including 3M, and is increasing the availability of other equivalently effective respirators.
- The following guidelines are now in place:
 - The use of non-fit-tested respirators for the regular care of patients with COVID-19.
 - The use of face masks for the regular care of patients without COVID-19.
 - Anyone involved in the following situations should use a fit tested respirator:
 - Performance of high-risk aerosol generating procedures for a COVID-19 positive or suspected patient;
 - Performance of bronchoscopy or intubation of any patient, regardless of COVID-19 status.
- For more information, please refer to the [Updated PPE Policy](#) and [PPE FAQ](#) documents.

Updates to Chemo Consent Form in Via Oncology/Clinical Path

New updates will be released for the Via Oncology/Clinical Path [consent form](#) for Chemotherapy and/or Biotherapy on Monday, June 15. The following changes were made to better align with the consent form available in Epic and to ensure compliance with ONS, QOPI, and ASCO requirements.

- Reformatted table to better capture drug frequency, duration and number of cycles if known. Drug names and frequency will be auto populated and cycles will have to be updated manually.

- Revised the signature block order to match the Epic consent form. The order is now: Time, Date, Patient Signature, Patient's Printed Name.
- All sections of the consent form need to be completed including date and time that consent is obtained.

IMPACC Study

Yale is one of ten sites across the country participating in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) study, "Immunophenotyping assessment in a COVID-19 Cohort (IMPACC)." The [IMPACC study](#) recruits patients hospitalized with COVID-19 as part of an in-depth investigation of immune responses to the SARS-CoV2 virus. Study participants will be followed for a year post-hospitalization to gauge recovery, whether they develop immunity to the virus, and to define critical elements of immunity associated with their clinical outcome. The IMPACC project involves expertise across YSM and is a collaboration with the Yale COVID-19 Biorepository.

Smilow Star

Jessica Stine is one of the wonderful Ambulatory Care Associates at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Trumbull. A true star, Jessica is recognized as an ultimate patient advocate and incredible asset to the team in Trumbull. Over the past three months, she has stepped up to help with screening calls to patients prior to their appointment. In addition, she volunteered to take care of pre-screening patients and visitors at the entrance of the Park Avenue Medical Center and has been tracking providers and staff for temperature checks twice a day. Her dedication to our cancer patients continues outside of clinic hours where she volunteers with the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance to help support patient care and research for neuro-oncology. Jessica will welcome a new baby next month and we wish her all the best while on maternity leave. We know she will be missed by the entire team in Trumbull!



Best regards,

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