

Smilow Update: July 7, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Inpatient Transitions

In recognition of the declining hospitalizations and ICU need for COVID+ patients at YNHH, we are working with the transformation team to transition NP 12 and NP 14 back to inpatient cancer care. NP 15 will continue to remain a COVID+ unit, including a mix of ICU and inpatient care for patients in need of YNHH services, with protected measures in place to keep our patients safe. Our leadership team will work closely with YNHH on a plan to transition NP 15 back to cancer care when possible.

- NP 14 will transition on Monday, July 13 to surgical oncology inpatient care, including ENT, Thoracic Surgery, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Urology, and Breast Surgery.
- NP 12 will transition on Wednesday, July 15 to medical oncology inpatient care and overflow space, as needed, for hematology inpatient care from NP 11.
- Because space constraints will remain without NP 15, Gynecologic Oncology surgical practice will remain at the Saint Raphael Campus, along with elective chemotherapy covered by the purple team. We are grateful to Dr. Elena Ratner and the entire Gynecologic Oncology Program team for their support and willingness to remain flexible during this time.

Smilow Rapid Evaluation Clinic

The Smilow Rapid Evaluation Clinic on Smilow NP 1 has updated its hours on weekends to 7am to 3:30pm. On weekdays, the Clinic continues to be open from 7am-7:30pm. The team is available to rapidly rule out COVID-19 in selected patient populations, facilitating triage to the most appropriate location of care.

- Criteria for referral include: fever in high-risk populations, patients with concerning respiratory symptoms; patients with symptoms concerning COVID infection.
- For referral, a member of the patient's care team should call (203) 200-1919 to review patient's status and discuss next steps.

Visitor Updates

Yale New Haven Hospital remains in tier 3 visitor restriction, but has issued updated visitor policies for [Procedural, Perioperative, and Radiology](#), as well as [Adult Inpatient Units](#). Smilow Cancer Hospital will continue to restrict visitor access in our Ambulatory settings, except in cases where patients need support and pre-approval has been granted.

Town Hall

Please join us for the next Smilow Town Hall on [Thursday, July 9 at 5pm](#). Dr. Nita Ahuja and Dr. Rob Goodman will join us to provide updates on surgical planning and imaging and screening during our post-COVID transformation. In addition, Dr. Kevin Billingsley and Tracy Carafeno, RN, will share information on our planning and transition of inpatient care back to Smilow. Questions for our panelists are welcome in advance by email to canceranswers@yale.edu or during the program via chat.

Smilow Star

Dmitry Kozhevnikov, DO, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of the Outpatient Palliative Care Program for our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Centers is today's Smilow Star! Dr. Kozhevnikov's recent work in the Supportive Care Unit (SCU) for Yale New Haven Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital was recognized by the nursing team for his commitment to helping navigate the difficult situations patients and families are facing in the SCU. They noted that he is extremely patient and dedicated to the patients and goes above and beyond to coordinate care in a way that makes the nurses feel supported. Thank you Dr. Kozhevnikov for all the work you have done in the SCU, and throughout our Smilow Cancer Hospital Network to support our patients and staff!



Best regards,

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