

Memorandum

To: Pasqua Hospital Nursing Unit Managers, SWADD and Physicians

Date: June 28, 2013

Subject: Pasqua Therapy Services Prioritization

This memo is to advise you that Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist staffing levels at the Pasqua Hospital have reached a level where it is no longer possible to continue to provide service as per standard practice (therapists assigned to particular units/service areas, priorities established daily within these assignments).

Following a review of our existing prioritization system a decision has been made to pool all referrals and prioritize referrals for the hospital as a whole on a daily basis. Priority service will be provided to patients with the most urgent care needs and those requiring discharge planning. Weekend services will continue.

This change will be effective Tuesday July 2, 2013 and will remain in effect until staffing levels improve. Recruitment efforts continue with new OT's starting in August/September and PT's in November. Updates will be provided as they are available.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to work to serve patients to the best of our abilities.

Should you have questions or concerns about services to a particular patient whose needs do not appear to have the priority you feel they should, I can be reached at 306-766-5580. Coverage during my holidays will be provided by Dave Severson, Therapy Manager RGH and he can be reached at 306-766-4301.

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