

"I'll let you be in my dreams if I can be in yours"
Bob Dylan

Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to the entire **Division of Neonatology** for their taking the lead on the upcoming move to the Glen.

Most of us are transfixed on the May 24th move date for the current MCH site on Tupper (remember that memo?). We tend to overlook that our inborn NICU situated at the RVH will move this Sunday April 26th together with the Obstetrical services at the Women's Pavilion. Thus, our NICU colleagues will be the first to occupy and use the new pediatric digs at the Glen. They will be the pioneers awaiting the arrival of the entire remainder of the Department 4 weeks later.

It is perhaps fitting that our first patients at the Glen will be our very youngest patients. Indeed the bulk of the inborn population cared for consist of premature fragile infants born too early and needing substantial technological support to survive to hopefully thrive eventually. The complexity of these patients and their multiplicity of care needs makes the transition to a new site especially challenging. To assure patient service and the highest service quality, the entire neonatology team across existing sites and involved disciplines have worked hard to assure that things will be ready. Multiple orientation and simulation sessions have taken place. Aspects of the actual physical move have been practiced. Problems and kinks have been identified and rectified. I have received from multiple sources glowing reports of enthusiasm, diligence and hard-work to this end on the part of the entire team. The Division leader, Therese Perreault, and the nursing manager, Andreanne Pharand, assure me that the team is ready. What is nice to see, and indeed tangibly feel, is the excitement of the move as team members talk about the physical and technical enhancements offered by the new Facility. All agree that the patient care experience will be improved. And ultimately, isn't that what this really should be all about rather than the size or location of an office?

We also need to be cognizant that the creation of a single MUHC NICU, the adjacency of obstetrical activity, and the incorporation of a largely premature inborn population on a Children's Hospital site will have substantive impact on our practice. We all need to get ready for an increased involvement across the board in fetal medicine and the challenges of prematurity. This offers enormous clinical, educational and research opportunities that are ours to grasp. As a neurologist, I see this as my sub-specialty's future challenge.

There is a cliché 'curse'; "May you live in exciting times". These are indeed exciting times. As a leader, I would not want it to be any other way (pass the Maalox svp).

I am away next week (PAS) and will not be writing a Departmental Acknowledgement. If you wish to do so please contact Sylvie and it can be arranged. Here is a chance to acknowledge someone who makes a difference. The only obligation is to use a Yogi Berra quote.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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