Telecritical Care Checklist

This checklist is designed as a reminder of what issues need to be addressed prior to a Tele critical care engagement between hospitals for COVID-19 coverage.

Assessment of remote facility to include:

☐ total hospital beds, average daily census
☐ number of ICU beds
☐ number of PACU beds and ORs that might be transitioned to ICU or transitional care beds and any ambulatory surgery facilities
☐ number of monitored beds (hard wire and telemetry)
☐ type of monitors available within the facility (brand and monitoring capability)
☐ average daily ICU census Including average daily number of ventilated patients
☐ number and type of ventilators in house (including OR)
☐ other equipment such as twitch monitors
☐ Current staffing model for ICU (Contracted hospitalists, local med staff, specialty mix of hospital medical staff with ICU privileges)
☐ level and capacity of respiratory therapy support
☐ 24 hour pharmacy support
☐ normal protocols for airway management (anesthesia support, ED staff, etc.)
☐ HIPPA compliant video conferencing available in ICU with 24 hour technical support
☐ EHR type, process and software for remote access and IT support
☐ Proxy Privileging and credentialing voted by hospital medical staff (Acceptance of UC privileging and credentialing)
☐ laboratory capabilities
☐ local Covid testing capability
☐ imaging capabilities including CT and MR

Contractual relationship to include:

☐ term of agreement
☐ level of service contemplated (Peer to peer consulting versus for management of patients including orders)
☐ reimbursement model
☐ hospital liability coverage
☐ determine community hospital coverage, acknowledge that many physicians will have personal PL coverage with different carriers (impacts liability)
Etc

Mentoring and Training:

☐ nurse training- proning, medication, etc.
☐ peer-to-peer nurse mentoring. - video connections between nurses to help with setting up drips etc.
☐ physician education and training video
☐ establishing an early and centralized triage of patients within geographic areas

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