SERVICE-AT-A-GLANCE

(RVH-Glen) Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Location – Are you located on one floor or in several locations in the hospital?
• D3

Population – Describe in point form the characteristics of the patient population.
• Delirium
• ICU myopathy/neuropathy
• Cardiac surgeries (Ex: ACBP, AVR, MVR, myxoma, heart transplant)
• COPD exacerbation
• Pneumonia
• ARDS
• Respiratory distress
• Neuro
• Sepsis

Age range
• 18 +

Impact of illness/injury
• Medical status determines the impact
• Very medical and mentally fragile

Medications: be aware of their indications as well as side effects affecting functions and precautions
• Sedatives (Ex: Propofol, Precedex, Haldol)
• Anticoagulants (Ex: Heparin, Coumadin, Argatroban)
• Pressors (Ex: Levophed)
• Analgesics (Ex: Morphine, Fentanyl)

Role – Describe the role of your service in point form.
• Swallowing Ax
• Initiating Functional Ax
• Positioning
• Treatment plan (acute/chronic/end stage)
• Continuity of care (rehab/convalescence/homecare/community/LTC/palliative)

Team and Key Contacts – Indicate if you work in a multidisciplinary team; who are the key players, staff doctors, consulting CNS’s and other specialists.
• Unit Coordinator: #35224 or #36739
• Head Nurse:
• Assistant Head Nurse: spectra: #36738
• Family Nurse:
• Dietician: pager: 514-406-2323 TPN dietician: spectra:#23612
• MD Red Team: #35887
• MD Silver Team: #35886
• MD Teal Team: page via locating
• OT: pager: 514-406-5673
• PT: pager: 514-406-0396
• SLP: pager: 514-406-1301
• SW: pager: 514-406-4739

Rounds – List the day(s), hours and location(s) of the clinical rounds for your service.
• Tuesday at 1:30pm North Pod Conference room

Medical Tests – Describe in point form the principle/most frequent risk factors that you assess specifically related to your patient population.
• Chest X-ray
• CT head
• MRI

Assessments - Describe in point form the principle/most frequent forms that you complete specifically related to your patient population in addition to the psychosocial assessment.
• Nothing specific

Resources - Describe in point form the principle/most frequent hospital and community resources that you allocate specifically related to your patient population.
• Family support resources via Family Nurse

“Insider” Info – List any tips, cautions, fast-tracks, templates or lists that would help facilitate a quick-start for someone new to this service.
• Most patients are or have been intubated
• Make sure you are aware of any GI condition
• Check with RN before doing anything with patient
• NPO restrictions for tests
• Positioning restrictions for specific conditions/equipment
• Most swallowing Ax involve trachs