SERVICE-AT-A-GLANCE

**(MGH) Neurology**

**Location – Primary floor is 14 west**
- Primary floor = 14W, also clients on 12 east or west and ICU

**Population –**
- CVA
- Myasthenia Gravis
- GBS
- Parkinson’s disease
- Encephalopathy
- Seizure disorder

**Age range**
- Adult and elderly

**Impact of illness/injury**
- Restrictions in function, pain control issues, cognitive-behavioral issues
- Post-op restrictions (drains, surgical restrictions)

**Medications:** *be aware of their indications as well as side effects affecting functions and precautions*
- sedatives
- pain medication
- blood thinners

**Role – Describe the role of your service in point form.**
- Swallowing assessment (bedside swallowing evaluation as per collective orders for strokes and as indicated for other clients)
- Functional Ax + assistance with discharge planning / recommendations for appropriate equipment and services
- Cognitive appreciation and driving screen
- Positioning : helmets , protective and positioning splints, slings
- DSIE and CLSC referral
- Participate in family meetings to assist with discharge planning decisions

**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: # 46401
- Head Nurse: 43378, spectra 43347
- Assistant Head Nurse: 43779 (spectra)
- OT : local 42378, 406 1579
- PT: pager: 514-406- 4087, local 42378
- SLP (stroke /TBI): ext: 42125 pager: 514-406-1154 and
- SW: #44145 and 44136 pager 514 -406-4467
- Dietician: pager 514 406- 4467
- Neuropsych : 44192
**Rounds** – *List the day(s), hours and location(s) of the clinical rounds for your service.*
- Tuesday at 1:30pm and Friday at 11:30am in Conference room
- Patient care rounds: Tuesday 1:30

**Medical Tests** – *Describe in point form the principle/most frequent risk factors that you assess specifically related to your patient population.*
- CT head, CTA,
- MRI head/spine,
- carotid Dopplers,
- CXR

**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.*
- MVPT, TRAIL, MMSE/MOCA, GOAT, Bells, Albert’s test, line bisection
- MMT, 9HPT, Jamar

**Resources** - *Describe in point form the principle/most frequent hospital and community resources that you allocate specifically related to your patient population.*
- DSIE for rehab and out patient follow up
- In-patient rehab at IRGLM, CMR or Jewish rehab hospital
- Out patient follow up at Constance Lethbridge center, Lucie Bruneau
- CLSC

**“Insider” Info** – *List any tips, cautions, fast-tracks, templates or lists that would help facilitate a quick-start for someone new to this service.*
- New stroke patients are identified on unit board and/or by phone message from assistant head nurse.