SERVICE-AT-A-GLANCE

(MNH) Neurology

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

• 3 South
• 3 East

Population – Describe in point form the characteristics of the patient population.

• Multiple Sclerosis
• Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
• Transverse Myelitis
• Guillain-Barre Syndrome
• Myasthenia Gravis
• NMO

Age range

• Adults

Impact of illness/injury

• Sometimes, NYD can cause anxiety

Medications: be aware of their indications as well as side effects affecting functions and precautions

• IVIG
• Solumedrol (Corticosteroids)
• Plasmapheresis (PLEX)
• Prednisone

Role – Describe the role of your service in point form.

• Swallowing Ax
• Functional Ax + assistance with d/c planning
• Cognitive appreciation and driving screen
• 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: #1983 #094161
• Head Nurse: #00655
• Assistant Head Nurse: #09120
• OT: pager: 514-406-7993
• PT: ext: 8559 pager: 514-406-1378
• SLP: ext: 8902 pager: 514-406-3924
• SW: #5383
• Dietician: ext: 8888-36512

Rounds – List the day(s), hours and location(s) of the clinical rounds for your service.
Medical Tests – Describe in point form the principle/most frequent risk factors that you assess specifically related to your patient population.

- MRI
- Lumbar puncture
- PET scan
- EEG
- EMG

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.

- MoCA
- Trail Making B
- Star Cancellation test

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

- Friends of Neuro
- ALS society
- MS society

“Insider” Info – List any tips, cautions, fast-tracks, templates or lists that would help facilitate a quick-start for someone new to this service.

- Bedrest after lumbar puncture; verify AAT orders
- Discuss with colleagues from out-pt clinic as patients are often followed in the clinics