

Daily Overview (April 29, 2020)

Work is ongoing on operationalizing a coordinated thoughtful ramp-up of outpatient operations. The initial phase begins the week of May 4 at all operating units, with the goal of accommodating our outpatients, maintaining appropriate social distancing in all our care areas, while being attentive to PPE use.

Safety:

- COVID-19 antibody testing is now available to EHC employees, providers, and house staff. Please know that it is still unknown whether the presence of antibodies confers immunity to reinfection from COVID-19.
- For EHC sites wearing a mask is expected for faculty/staff/trainees. Grady wearing of a mask is mandatory for faculty/staff/trainees.
- Patients are being asked to bring their own masks during the pre-visit instructions/symptom screening call.

Methods:

- Patients who had invasive procedures deferred during the last 7 weeks in both interventional radiology and diagnostic breast imaging are being reassessed and rescheduled for completion of those procedures.
- Emory Healthcare is developing plan for universal SARS-Cov-2 testing of all admitted patients
- Grady Healthcare is developing plan for universal SARS-Cov-2 testing prior to all invasive procedures

Equipment:

- No updates or new issues.

Supplies:

- Supply levels, including PPE, are holding steady at sufficient levels. Increasing imaging capacity will be a stressor on the system.
- EHC Cloth mask distribution for faculty, staff and trainees is being coordinated site by site basis.

Staffing:

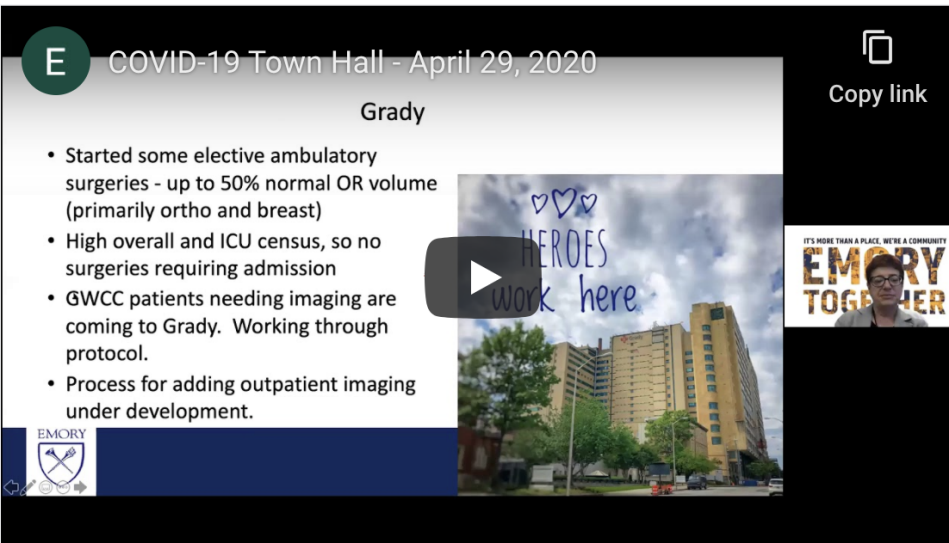
- We continue monitoring a dashboard of patient and imaging volume metrics to assess trends.
- Resident physicians will begin to have an increased presence on all clinical services in conjunction with increasing patient visits.
- Future staffing models will consider work from home options, staggering shifts, reassignment of and/or redistributions of work tasks, social distancing in work spaces and PPE use.

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E COVID-19 Town Hall - April 29, 2020

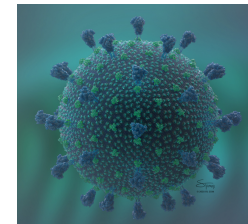
Grady

- Started some elective ambulatory surgeries - up to 50% normal OR volume (primarily ortho and breast)
- High overall and ICU census, so no surgeries requiring admission
- GWCC patients needing imaging are coming to Grady. Working through protocol.
- Process for adding outpatient imaging under development.



[Radiology COVID Command Center Web Page](#)

The Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak; and has developed a website to provide additional information and resources to the department's faculty, trainees, and staff.



Also, you can view all recorded town halls.

