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RE: Surgical Referral Changes Related to Provincial De-listing of Pre-op History & Physicals

To Halton Primary Healthcare Providers:

As you are aware, effective October 1, 2019, the Government of Ontario is de-listing Pre-Op History and Physicals by Family Physicians. As a result of this change, Halton Healthcare will eliminate its current policy and practice related to requiring a History and Physical for all elective surgical patients.

Having said this, we want to make sure our healthcare providers continue to have all the necessary patient health information to appropriately assess readiness for surgery and deliver the safest care without delay. Working with our Departments of Family Medicine, we have developed a new process whereby every surgical referral sent to a surgeons' office needs to be accompanied by a Cumulative Patient Profile "CPP" from the referring office. If the surgeon does not receive a CPP with the referral, they will be reaching out to you to provide one.

We will keep you updated with further communication if there are any refinements to the process of preoperative surgical care, once the changes are implemented.

If you have any questions, please contact the surgeon's office related to your referral or Julie McBrien, Director, Surgical Program, OTMH at jmcbrien@haltonhealthcare.com or (905) 845-2571 x5219.

Thank you for your referrals and support.

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