

Role of the CRNA on LGH COVID Intensivist Surge Team

As part of the surge response team for the current pandemic, the CRNA plays a critical role in the care of the critically ill and can contribute a high level of expertise to the ICU surge team. The CRNA possesses a unique skill set especially in the arena of rapid systems assessment, vascular volume resuscitation, airway management, general and regional anesthesia and pain management, team coordination, and resource management. In their current practice, they are providers that daily exercise this professional judgement within their scope of practice. The intent of an ICU surge team is to harness that expertise and apply it outside of the CRNA's traditional arena of practice, the OR. The purpose of this document is to provide a skeleton of potential roles and responsibilities and is by no mean exclusive. The CRNA on a LGH CVIST may be called upon to:

- 1) Provide patient education and counseling
- 2) Perform a comprehensive patient assessment and evaluation
- 3) Develop a comprehensive patient-specific ICU plan in conjunction with a intensivist or Non-intensivist Physician (NIP)
- 4) Implement a patient-specific plan of care discuss on multidisciplinary rounds under the guidance of a board-certified intensivist
- 5) Placement of invasive and noninvasive monitoring modalities (e.g. arterial lines, cerebral oximetry, bi-spectral index monitor)
- 6) Execute Pain Management
- 7) Provide procedural related anesthesia and analgesia
- 8) Provide emergency, critical care, and resuscitation services within privileges
- 9) Advanced airway management
- 10) Perform point-of-care testing
- 11) Use of ultrasound for delivery of care
- 15) Daily documentation, SBAR

References:

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