



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Health System Partners

**From:** Dr. K McIntosh, Program Medical Director OSMH & Melanie Moore, Director Integrated Planning and Co-Director COHT Operations

**Date:** March 2, 2023

**Subject:** Access to Remdesivir for Northern Central Patients

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Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) in partnership with the Couchiching Ontario Health Team (COHT) are excited to announce new access to Remdesivir for patients of northern-central Ontario. **The COHT Care Clinic, (located at 170 Colborne Street West, Orillia) is now able to offer Remdesivir directly on-site**, an intravenous antiviral medication administered as a three-day course, for patients at higher risk of serious illness due to COVID-19 (and are not eligible for Paxlovid). Healthcare providers, Clinical Assessment Centers / Care Clinics, Pharmacies etc. can refer (or patients themselves may self-refer) to the COHT Care Clinic to be assessed for eligibility. The referral form is attached with this communication and also located on the COHT.ca or OSMH.on.ca/COVID-19 websites.

Access to Remdesivir from the COHT Care Clinic opens up **access to care** for patients in our Region (northern central Ontario) who would have otherwise had to travel extensively (or to local emergency departments), for three consecutive days, to locations in the GTA south.

We are privileged to offer this service to our patients whose health depends on such access to care in a broad area of our Province. Further, we are very thankful to our partners at Ontario Health and the Couchiching Ontario Health Team for the continued expansion of critical Care Clinic service offerings to care for the collective Population Health of Couchiching and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

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