Under One Roof – 2 CTFs in SKH Campus



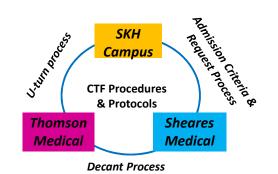
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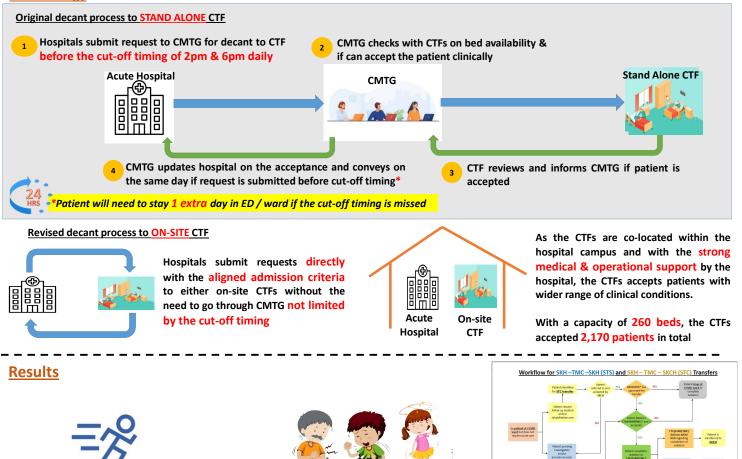
Background

SKH campus hosted **not ONE (1) but TWO (2)** COVID-19 Treatment Facilities (CTFs) managed by **different** operators (Sheares Medical & Thomson Medical Centre) in supporting the national effort to decant COVID-19 patients from SKH, other public hospitals, and the community that do not require acute hospital care.

With 2 different operators managing the CTFs, there is a need to align the procedures and protocols to **ensure safe and efficient decants** of COVID-19 patients from SKH or from other public hospitals and community through Case Management Task Group (CMTG) as a central body to manage the nation's COVID-19 cases.



Methodology



Patients could be transferred to a CTF in as fast as 45 minutes vs ~3-4 hours when going through CMTG & transfers could be made throughout the day

Able to accept wider range of clinical conditions compared to other standalone CTFs Developed unique workflows for patients who do not meet de-isolation criteria, though not requiring acute care – save beds and bed-days in acute COVID wards

Conclusion

Without aligned processes and protocols for the 2 CTFs managed by different operators, the decant of the COVID-19 patients for SKH and other hospitals would have been more laborious and less efficient.