

Virtual Care at Campbell River DEC

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In the Middle of Difficulty lies Opportunity -Albert Einstein

Our Team

- "It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed." - Charles Darwin
- ► The Devil is in the details
 - Process, communication, technology, preparation
- Plan for the worst, hope for the best
 - Pediatric clinics, connecting with clients, abandon ship
- Flexibility and adapting
 - Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain. -Vivian Greene



Leveraging technology and learning on the fly!

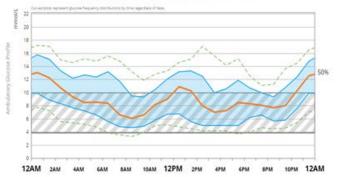










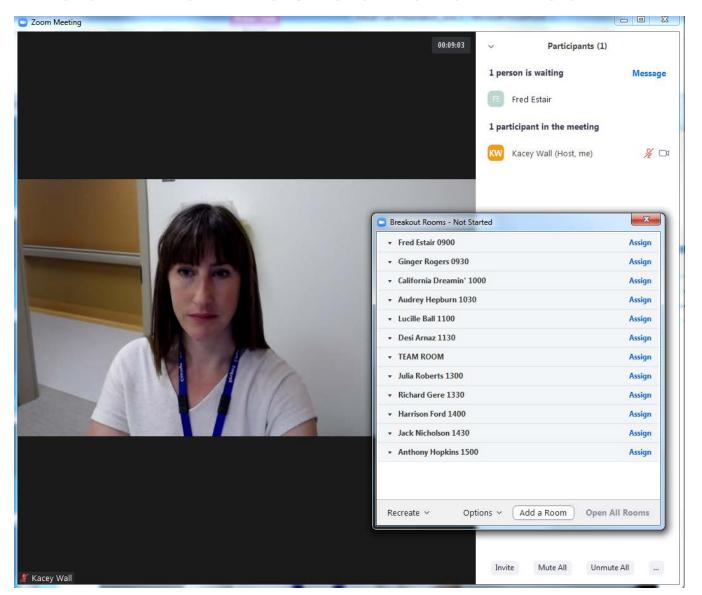








Zoom for Pediatric Clinics





MyVirtualVisit

- Hiccups
- Adapting in the moment
- Lesser known platform so a bit trickier problem shooting.
- Integration (Future) Electronic charting



Looking Forward

- Incredible opportunity to see how we can potentially better serve our clients.
 - ► Historically → Clinic appointment
 - ► Travel, longer appointments, less frequent
 - ► Future (?) → Virtual Appointments
 - Less travel, shorter and more frequent check-ins, opportunity to increase client engagement by leveraging technology.





How you want to be treated.

St. Paul's Diabetes Health Centre Melodee Dayrit, Clinical Nurse Leader

COVID-19

- Directive to cancel ALL non-essential appointments in the ambulatory clinics
 - HOLD all classes until further notice
 - Prioritize patients deteriorating health seen in-person
 - TRIAGE
 - Set up our new working space (1 room each)
 - Quickly learned to provide patient care through the telephone







WHAT HAPPENED...

- Telephone Visits
 - Nurse, Dietitian, Endocrinologist
- Online Sessions
 - All online resources
 - ✓ Glucose Meters: One Touch, Accu-check, Contour Next, Libre
 - ✓ Medications: Lilly, insulin injection techniques
 - ✓ Insulin Pumps: Omnipod, Medtronic (follow up and upgrade)
 - One generic email account no reply
 - Licenced Zoom account



SUCCESSES AND WORKING ON IT...

- Telephone visits
 - People loved it!
 - Less commute/hassle free parking
 - Decrease no show rate!!
 - Endocrinologists could work from home RN/RD review
 - Worked really well with Gestational population
 - Working on it...
 - I.T. navigating their devices
 - Fear of leaving home exercise, fill meds, get meters, bloodwork
 - Interpreter services billing by the minute, the connection



SUCCESSES AND WORKING ON IT...

- Online Sessions
 - Successes:
 - Be in the comfort of your own home for classes
 - Gestational huge benefit
 - Pump patients
 - Working on it...
 - Huge learning curve changing education sessions
 - Privacy concerns
 Licensed Account

Using personal computer

Online privacy documents

Unable to use our own desktop – only 1 laptop



"NEW" NORMAL

- COVID-19 Recovery Phase 2
 - Guidelines for Patients/clients
 - Allowing 40% in-person visits Triaging patients/ still no class/group sessions
 - Highly encouraging Telehealth/Virtual Visits
 - Script to assess before and when arriving for appointment
 - Staff
 - PPE recommendations during visit, assessment
 - Equipment/Environment
 - Assessing precautions from the moment they enter the clinic to end
 - Front desk
 - Waiting area
 - Exam room







SUCCESSES AND ... WORKING ON IT...

- 2 weeks into recovery...
- Successes
 - Endocrinologists love it!
 - Endocrinologists are triaging need to come in
 - Slotting in more class sessions via Zoom
 - Better for Gestational patients
- Working on it
 - Patients still want in-person sessions
 - In-person classes: spread out desk for max 6
 - Checking patient in text service
 - More devices to use for Zoom sessions tablets
 - CERNER



THANK YOU! Questions?

