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To:	Northern Health Clinical Leadership and Physicians
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Re:	Rehabilitation Services – NI EOC Approved Changes for Inpatient Services at UHNBC and Regional Sites

Due to the current situation and UHNBC’s response for COVID-19, the Regional Rehabilitation Program at UHNBC is shifting to provide unit-based rehab services at UHNBC and virtual support to regional sites.

For UHNBC units, physiotherapists and occupational therapists will be assigned to your unit to work with rehab appropriate patients.

For Regional sites, telehealth (telephone and Pexip) will be used to support local staff to provide rehab services to their patients in their home communities. Pexip is available for NHA users as well as external/public users. This technology will allow nursing and allied health staff from remote areas to access UHNBC Rehab OT/PT expertise for consultation on:

- Early Stroke Intervention- positioning/ seating recommendations, best informed recommendations for early stroke assessments/ treatments, and care planning
- Acquired Brain Injury – early interventions, care planning and recommendations involved with supporting the patient
- Complex Discharge Planning for patients with neurological impairments.

If you require this support to establish a care plan for one of your existing patients, please connect with:

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If you have further questions regarding these changes, please connect with Angela Pontius, Manager Rehabilitation & Allied Health or Dr. Saif, UHNBC Department Head, Family Practice.