



**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020  
**To:** MSA Members  
**From:** MSA Exec Committee  
**Subject:** **MSA Minute**

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Dear MSA Member,

1. As you heard from our CEO Rob MacIsaac yesterday, the new government directive has approved an increase in non-COVID patient care to come back to our HHS hospitals. That means a 20% increase in surgeries/procedures and an 8% increase in ambulatory visits.

There is an **HHS Town Hall on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm** to discuss this, for which you can submit questions in advance or live during the broadcast. (If you are unable to listen live, these are always recorded so that you may listen later – Details on the HUB.)

2. There is a new document from the ethics and resilience committee regarding the overarching ethical principles of prioritizing patients for these resumed activities that they have asked us to circulate. (**Ethical Resource Allocation and Priority-Setting Framework for Clinical Activities in the COVID-19 Pandemic – attached to this email**). In addition, the MSA will also be involved in these endeavours to help support implementation for our physicians and ensure that the fourth arm of the quadruple aim - provider satisfaction - continues to be included in this complex undertaking.
3. With resumption of some activities, HHS is picking up where we left off with some important projects such as the search for a new **HIS**, for which HHS medical staff and MSA representation will need to be very involved in order to ensure successful implementation. More information on that will be sent at a later date.
4. Look for a date to follow soon for a virtual general meeting in June. This will be a town hall type meeting for our members, with more information on the ramping up of services, as well as the HIS progress and the opportunities in this for us as HHS physicians. (Sorry, no Annual Gala and awards ceremony scheduled – yet.)

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5. We have decided to reduce MSA dues by 11.5% for the next year, due to the effects of the pandemic on our meetings/gala and award ceremonies.
  6. We did go ahead with our Resident Awards (since we know some of them will be leaving), and the winning residents from each program will soon be announced.

**Should you have any questions or concerns please email [msa@hhsc.ca](mailto:msa@hhsc.ca)**

Stay safe and well!

Your MSA executive,

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