



Coved -19 MIS and the ever challenging landscape. 2020

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Abstract:

I was aware of a novel virus with respiratory problems and death that seemed to be centered in a city in China that I have visited in 2018, on January 8th 2020. I want to tell you what happened next. On this day in late August 2020 we are not out of the woods and though people keep talking about a second wave and then normal seasonal flu numbs and the implication to our health care systems , we are not even through the first phase.

With my colleagues in China, I was able to see what could happen if this virus started to travel round the world. The city of Wuhan was being overwhelmed, and the country was on alert to prevent the medical system from collapsing. Staff were sent from all over China to assist their colleagues in the ER, Medical, and ICU wards. Meanwhile, We in Toronto became aware that we could be a hotspot. We were in 2003 with Sars, and my hospital North York General, in North Toronto became a centre for management of that deadly virus all those years ago.

There were already warnings from special programs that were directed at picking up new diseases and the alarm bells started to ring at the end of December 2019

We were led by WHO, and the messages from the WHO percolated from that international organization. down to National organizations. Provincial organizations, cities and other communities. Canada has a strange sort of division of health care, with the Provincial Governments looking after health. Public health seems to be a silo, and seems to answer to both the Federal and Provincial Governments. However depending on the Government of the day, and today we have a minority Liberal government in Ottawa. Liberal Governments have traditionally been more involved at such times as it seems fit and transfer monies to the provincial Governments to pay for some of the costs. Despite the obvious fact that we were going from an epidemic to a Pandemic, it was not until March 11, 2020 that the WHO declared a pandemic and shortly



after that the Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments moved in to our day to day live and committed us to lock down and quarantines. Each Province had slightly different approaches, and at the time of this presentation British Columbia has had a very good record, with relatively low numbers whereas Quebec seemed to have the highest numbers.

What I show you with my presentation and discussion is to bring you some insights of a Physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology in this difficult time

Biography

Dr. Nicholas Pairaudeau is a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the North York General Hospital, and an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Graduating from Kings College Hospital, in 1970 he had a mixed post graduate education from the University of London, followed by three years of Residency at the University of Toronto.

He has been very involved with the changing course of the COVID pandemic, having been alerted to this dramatic novel virus that has swept across the world from January 2020. From the beginning I have tried to use my expertise to deal with the problems in our everyday professional lives.

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