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MercyOne North Iowa Medical Providers:

Enclosed you'll find the quarterly mailing designed to help with communications regarding your fellow MercyOne North Iowa providers and the services they offer. I hope you will take a few minutes to review the information as it can assist you and your practice.

The month of March allows us the opportunity to recognize time set aside as National Doctor's Day. I would like to thank each of you for your dedication, professionalism and the manner in which you care for all of your patients.

Please do not hesitate to contact your colleagues if you have any questions as noted on the handouts or me at 641-428-7492.

If there is information you would like to see in the next quarterly mailing, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Manternach".

Paul Manternach, MD
Sr. Vice President, Physician Integration

Welcome to our circle of care



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MercyOne
welcomes these
physicians and
advanced
practice
providers!

Memo

To: MercyOne Medical Providers
From: [Javen Wunschel, DO](#), Allergy and Immunology
Subject: Addressing patient concerns prior to COVID-19 vaccine

I am happy to help address questions regarding patient concerns in needing an evaluation prior to receiving a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. The following is a figure from a *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Practice* article giving guidance on how to counsel patients. When patients are in the red box, I'm happy to evaluate them further with directed testing. To get patients into my office for evaluation or testing, please place a consult or feel free to call our office at 641-494-5380.

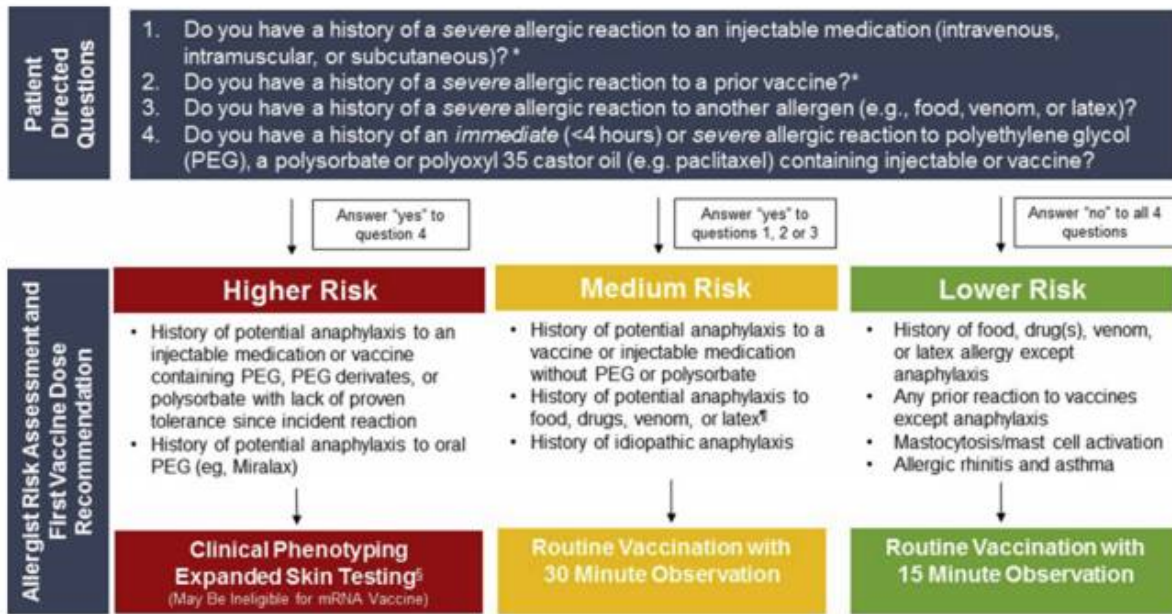


FIGURE 2. Risk stratification pathways with categories based on Mass General Brigham and Vanderbilt allergy expert consensus before initial COVID-19 vaccination. *If “yes” for questions 1 or 2, specific investigation as to the specific injectable products and vaccines should be pursued to determine whether these products could have contained high-molecular-weight PEG, polysorbate, or polyoxyl 35 castor oil (paclitaxel). See [Tables II, III, and IV](#). †Current CDC guidance suggests 30 minutes of observation for patients with any history of anaphylaxis. ‡See [Figures 3 and 4](#) for expanded skin testing procedures and non-irritating skin test concentrations. If skin testing to PEG is positive, as of December 28, 2020, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are the only FDA approved vaccines and under EUA can not be given to an individual with a history of anaphylaxis to a component of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. Skin testing to polysorbate 20 and 80 become more important for patients with confirmed severe PEG allergy with regards to the safety of future vaccinations.

Memo

To: MercyOne Medical Providers

From: [Dr. Joseph Behr, MD](#)

Subject: Telehealth

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Together with the Medical Group Leadership Team and providers across the state, we are working to help providers meet our patient's demands for telehealth. Already we are seeing loyal patients choose telehealth outside MercyOne. A provider who reported an excellent relationship with her patient was surprised when the patient said "they saw a 'computer doctor' before calling for an in-person appointment."

Telehealth use should and will continue to be driven by your clinical judgement, so we want to understand your plans to offer telehealth access to your patients via [the telehealth intentions tool](#).

The goal for this tool is to get a baseline understanding of provider intentions for telehealth and current barriers for the purpose of: directing near term improvements, building toward provider and clinic specific goals, supporting post-survey communication with providers to overcome barriers.

Thank you all, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Welcome cardiothoracic surgeons

Dante Dali, DO and Arthur Mcunu, MD

[MercyOne North Iowa Heart Center](#) and Mason City Clinic welcome cardiothoracic surgeons, Dante Dali, DO, and Arthur Mcunu, MD. Both surgeons are dedicated to ensuring patients receive excellent treatment options personalized to their individual conditions.

Our expert providers specialize in the following:

CARDIAC SURGERY

- Aortic valve repair and replacement
- Arrhythmia surgery
- Advance mechanical support
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO / Impella)
- Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)
- Maze surgery
- Mitral valve repair and replacement
- Pericardial window
- Septal defect repair
- Robotic cardiac surgery
- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR)

VASCULAR SURGERY

- Aortic aneurysm repair
- Aortic dissection repair
- Arterial endarterectomy
- Carotid endarterectomy
- Carotid subclavian bypass
- Dialysis access
- Endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR)
- Leg bypass
- Thoracic endovascular aortic repair (TEVAR)

GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

Common diagnoses often referred to as general thoracic surgery include cancers of lung and esophagus, gastroesophageal reflux disease, dysphagia, hiatal hernias, achalasia, pneumothorax, pleural effusion and many others.

Thoracic surgery

- Endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS)
- Lobectomy / pneumonectomy
- Mediastinoscopy / tumor resection
- Robotic lung and mediastinal surgery
- Thymectomy
- Tracheostomy
- Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS)
- Wedge resection

Foregut

- Conventional myotomy
- Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) and dilation
- Fundoplication (Anti-Reflux)
- Hiatal / paraesophageal hernia
- Lower esophageal sphincter enhancement (LINX)
- Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube placement

[Dr. Dante Dali](#) received his medical degree from Des Moines University. After medical school, Dr. Dali spent the first four years of his general surgery residency at



MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center. In his final year, he served as chief resident at the Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, CO. He continued his training by completing a cardiothoracic fellowship at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

[Dr. Arthur Mcunu](#) is board certified in cardiovascular and thoracic



surgery. He received his medical degree and residency in general surgery at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mcunu's fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery took place at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, MI.



Dr. Dali and Dr. Mcunu are accepting new patients.
Call 641-494-5300 to schedule an appointment.



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MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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CG Public Health Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Partnership with MercyOne North Iowa

(Mason City) – Through continued partnership, CG Public Health and MercyOne North Iowa have developed a plan for an additional point of distribution for COVID-19 vaccines in Cerro Gordo County. Through this plan, MercyOne North Iowa is utilizing a COVID-19 vaccine interest list where you can sign up and await notification for your opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through MercyOne North Iowa. The interest list is open to public and is not limited to patients of MercyOne North Iowa.

If you would like to be placed on the vaccine interest list, please complete the [secure form](#).

As vaccine supply increases, CG Public Health will allocate doses to MercyOne North Iowa to vaccinate those on the waiting list; MercyOne will contact eligible patients by phone and offer an appointment. If you do not respond on the first attempt to reach you, the appointment time will be given to the next person on the list. MercyOne North Iowa will attempt to contact you the next time vaccine is available.

Being on the MercyOne list does not prevent you from receiving the vaccine elsewhere. We strongly encourage you to continue pursuing other options to receive the vaccine including through CG Public Health's sign-up.

Until vaccine is widely available, it is critical we all continue to practice the mitigation measures to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Practice social distancing with those outside your household.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Stay home if you feel sick.

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About MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center

[MercyOne](#) is a connected system of health care facilities and services dedicated to helping people and communities live their best life. MercyOne's care providers and staff make health the highest priority. The system's clinics, medical centers, hospitals and affiliates are located throughout the state of Iowa and beyond. Headquartered in central Iowa, MercyOne was founded in 1998 through a collaboration between CommonSpirit Health and Trinity Health – two of the country's foremost, not-for-profit Catholic health organizations. Getting well and staying well is MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center's highest priority. Our clinics, medical centers and affiliates are never too far from home, allowing us to improve the lives of individuals and communities across the North Iowa area and beyond.

MercyOne North Iowa Vascular and Wound Care welcomes **Scott Compton, DO**

Scott Compton, DO received his education from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Missouri. He is board certified in wound care and has training and experience in hyperbaric oxygen. Dr. Compton has more than 25 years' experience as a physician and has specialized in wound care since 2017. Dr. Compton will work in conjunction with Dr. Ali Mardan in the Vascular and Wound Center, along with nurse practitioner JoAnn Ermer-Seltun.

MercyOne North Iowa Vascular and Wound Center is currently accepting new patients with telehealth options. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Scott Compton by calling 641-428-8001.

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Thank you!



Happy National Doctors' Day!

We'd like to share immense gratitude for our physicians.

This last year required flexibility and courage from each of you. You met each new challenge with **Personalized Care** and a **Be ONE** attitude. We are very thankful to you and all MercyOne physicians for being a part of MercyOne's circle of care.

