

Massimo Fabi, the response of the Parma hospital to the increase in hospitalizations

Expansion of Covid beds and collaboration with the provincial hospital network in the words of the general manager of the University Hospital of Parma

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The situation inside the Parma hospital reflects the trend of infections within our territory. Hospitalizations are increasing: 270 people are hospitalized in covid paths, of which 220 at Covid hospital Barbieri and 19 in intensive care.

To meet these needs, the second phase of the pandemic plan is being implemented: 25 beds have been opened, which can be increased to 31 in the former medical clinic in pavilion 26 and the building of the former Pediatrics is being equipped to be able to place another 27 beds if it will be necessary.

"We want to keep the central part of the polyblock of our hospital and the hospital network of the province - Fidenza, Borgotaro - and private accreditation hospitals free from covid. - Massimo Fabi said - Thanks to the recent measures of our Region we are reshaping the planned surgical activities.

That is, we are containing those that can be moved without any risk for the patient in order to recover expert and valuable personnel, in particular anesthesiologists, resuscitators and nurses, to allow the optimal work of the ICU.



The planned surgical activities will be guaranteed by the collaboration of the provincial network, maintaining optimal levels of assistance".

With reference to the article published in some newspapers today, Tuesday 7 April 2021 where a user complains of having gone - on the afternoon of Sunday 5 September - to the oculistic PS of the Polyclinic to have been refused access as without Green Pass, the University

Hospital of Modena considers it essential to specify the following.

As is clearly highlighted by the signs at the entrances, the possession of the Green Pass is required for visitors and caregivers, while it is not necessary for those who contact the structure to carry out an outpatient service, since there are specific paths that allow you to receive services safely. Always in the context of safe routes, of course, emergency access to the PS is also guaranteed.

These are rules valid throughout the region, of which ample information has been given in recent months.

The operators present at the Access Point - these are not security guards but Coop Service operators responsible for verifying the access requirements - are trained and informed on all legal provisions. It is clear, as emerges from the story, that there was a misunderstanding between the operator at the Access Point - who did not understand the destination - and the patient - who misunderstood the signs and the operator's request.

"If there was a communication defect, we apologize for the inconvenience caused to the patient - comments the company management - who was then visited in a short time by the Ophthalmologist who was able to diagnose, fortunately, a mild disease, with white priority and symptoms that had lasted for a few days. Our staff is fully committed to ensuring access safety, in often agitated situations, where it is necessary to examine the different facets of the standard.

We therefore believe that it is our duty to thank all the operators for the professionalism shown in these 17 months of pandemic. " In the last two months, the COVID-19 emergency has upset the assistance, surgical and outpatient activities of the Varese Hospital, as well as of the entire Lombard health system, exposing health personnel to new challenges, to optimize the care of critically ill patients and, at the same time, minimize viral contamination among healthcare workers in a hospital setting.

- Even the doctors and nurses of the Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery departments of the ASST Sette Laghi experienced such dramatic moments, responding to the emergency with great professionalism.
- To continue their activities safely, the two divisions, linked by a twenty-year collaboration, have developed precise and detailed recommendations for the safe and effective management of nasosinus and skull base diseases, diseases for which they are a reference center at Italian level and opinion leaders on a global scale.

The clinical pathways and precautions for the management of these complex pathologies during the coronavirus period implemented by the two departments in Varese were adopted by the Italian Skull Base Society and have recently been received and also published in the journal of the American Society of Rhinology as an example of effective and safe management.

Prof. Paolo Castelnuovo, director of Otolaryngology and Prof. Davide Locatelli, director of Neurosurgery, authors of the guidelines, expressed satisfaction with the appreciation of their work obtained at an Italian and international level. "We try to stratify patients according to the level of urgency and offer the necessary care to all, without sacrificing safety for our health personnel," they said.

The outpatient activities of the two departments

Which often involve endoscopic diagnostic investigations of the upper airways, also represent very delicate procedures in the period of coronavirus, due to the risk of aerosolization of viral particles in potentially infected patients.

For this reason, under the guidance of Dr. Francesca De Bernardi, head of pediatric and territorial otolaryngology of the ASST Sette Laghi, "good practices" have been developed in terms of organization of outpatient activities, which provide for a "staggering" of accesses, the use of individual protection devices specific to each procedure and state-of-the-art video endoscopic technology to reduce the risk of contamination for both patients and healthcare professionals.



These outpatient management recommendations were also very much appreciated and immediately adopted in many other Lombard hospitals, until they were published, in recent days, in the American magazine The Laryngoscope, as proof of their practicality and effectiveness.