Attention All Physicians:

We are pleased to provide the following updates regarding the Edmonton Zone SCOPE Program:

A) **Wait Times Now Within Recommended Guidelines**

We are happy to announce that the wait time for a screening colonoscopy through the Edmonton Zone SCOPE Program has been greatly reduced over the past 12 months. Currently patients are booked for their procedure 2-4 weeks after their attendance at the Pre Procedure Consultation (PPC). Patients are typically booked for PPC in 1-2 weeks from their response to their invitation and leave PPC with their appointment date booked. The time from referral to procedure for these patients, especially those that are FIT positive, is well within the recommended 8 weeks timeframe.

B) **Inclusion Criteria Expanded**

With the improved access to education and endoscopic resources, the SCOPE Program is now able to accept the following patients:

- BMI up to 45
- Patients 6 months post-CVA if no significant deficits
- GFR >30 and otherwise medically stable
- Cystic Fibrosis patients not on home O2
- PE or DVT if stable > 6 months
- Ejection fraction >30% and no signs of CHF
- Firefighter, acromegaly and post organ transplant in the absence of a reason for screening
- Remote seizure disorders (with no seizure within last year)
- Hypercoagulability disorders if no history of clots and not on anticoagulants

C) **Communication Timelines**

- **No Significant Findings**: Results back to Family Physician within 8 weeks of receipt of procedure/pathology reports NOTE: Pathology can take 5-10 business days to come back.
- **Concerning Findings or Cancer**: Results back to Family Physician within 2 weeks of receipt of procedure/pathology reports. NOTE: Pathology can take 5-10 business days to come back. Upon receipt of these results Family Physicians will be contacted by phone. This communication typically occurs within 2 weeks of the procedure, however the timeframe is dependent on the availability of the procedure/pathology reports (which can take 5-10 business days).

We ask that you continue to refer all appropriate patients (FIT Positive, personal or family history of CRC/Polyps) to the SCOPE Program and we look forward to continuing to work with you to provide our patients timely, safe and accessible service.

Thank you.

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*Attachments: SCOPE Program Referral Form, Rectal Bleed Checklist*