Geriatric Support at QEH A&E

Service gap and size of problem in QEH AED

- QEH AED has a High yearly attendance (~185,000)
 & Highest percentage of elderly patients (35.7% ≥ 65 years old)
- Frail elderly patients have more complex needs
- Access block problem is substantial in QED AED



Objectives

- 1. Provide **comprehensive geriatric assessment** and **early supported discharge** for AED elderlies.
- 2. Alleviate AED access block

Methodology



Before implementation, **coordination** of KH C/R beds, KH SOPD, GDHs, CGATs and CNS/ICM Before implementation, an assessment as well as referral form was developed Geriatrician was deployed from KH to QEH AED for 4 morning sessions (Feb – May 2017)

Edmonton Frail Scale (Chinese)

姓名:		日期:	
Domain	Item Description	Please circle the suitable item	Remarks
Cognitive	請先想像眼前的圈圈是一個時線。請將數字 依序填在正確的位置。 同時指出「11點10 分」。		Cognitive: - Alert - Confusion
General health	在過去一年・您有幾次到醫院住院?	0 次(0 分) 1-2 次(1 分) ≥ 2 次(2 分)	
	通常您如何描述自己的健康状况?	非常好、很好、好(0分) 普通(1分) 差(2分)	
Functional independence	在下列幾項日常活動中,有幾項需要他人協 助(準備三餐,還街,交通,打電話,整理 家務,洗衣、管理 財物,吃麵)?	0-1項(0分)	Premorbid: - Walk with - Wheelchair/ bed bound
Social support	當您需要幫助時,您能找到人願意且能約幫助你嗎?	總是可以(0分) 有時(1分) 沒有(2分)	- Day/ night time alon - Direct/indirect lift landing/ stairs - Existing NGO services:
Medication use	您通常每天需要 5 種或是更多的藥物控制 嗎? (醫師處方藥物 5 種以上)	不需要(0分) 需要(1分)	
	通常您會忘記服藥嗎?	不會(0分) 會(1分)	
Mood	您最近會感覺到體重減輕,穿衣服比較寬 點?	不會(0分) 會(1分)	
	您常感到悲傷或憂鬱嗎?	不會(0分) 會(1分)	
Continence	您是否有無法控制小便的困擾?	不會(0分) 會(1分)	
Functional performance	請您坐在有扶手的椅子上站起,當聽到「站 起」時,請您儘快走到前方有標記處(3公 尺)再返回椅子 所聞時間	11-20 秒(1 分) 超過 20秒或需要輔助或不顧 意(2 分)	
		總分:	/ 17

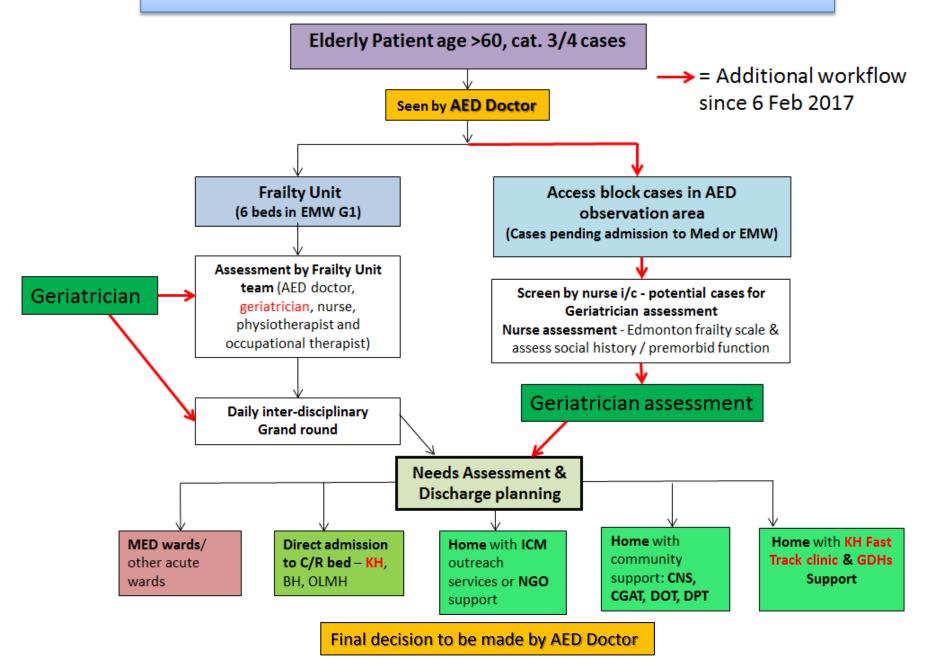
0 - 5 = Not Frail 6 - 7 = Vulnerable 8 - 9 = Mild Frailty 10 - 11 = Moderate Frailty

12 - 17 = Severe Frailty

Nurse used Edmonton Frail Scale (Chinese) to assess frailty for those access block cases

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Geri Support at QEH AED - Results

6 Feb - 5 May 2017 (48 sessions). Total 192 cases assessed.

AED Access block (65 cases)	Frailty Unit in EMW (127 cases)	
Age 80 years old (range 60-96)	Age 83.3 years old (range 62-99)	
Female35 (53.8%)Male30 (46.2%)	Female81 (63.8%)*Male46 (36.2%)	
Live alone 7 (10.8%) With carer 45 (69.2%) Nursing home 13 (20.0%)	Live alone 63 (49.6%)* With carer 60 (47.2%) Nursing home 3 (2.4%) Homeless 1 (0.8%)	
Top 5 Diagnoses: Fall Chest infection Dizziness/vertigo Chest discomfort/chest pain COPD/Asthma/Bronchitis	Top 5 Diagnoses: Fall Dementia/cognitive impairment/delirium Back pain Dizziness/vertigo Chest infection	
 49 cases (75.4%) BYPASS Acute MED or other Acute wards admission 11 Direct Home + KH fast track clinic FU 10 Direct to C/R beds 28 To EMW 	 115 cases (90.6%) avoided admission to Acute wards 74 Home + ICM/GDH/CGAT/CNS support 15 Home with new OAH 26 To C/R beds 	

Conclusion

Geriatrician input together with **interdisciplinary team effort** successfully **bypassed acute medical ward admission** for AED elderly patients and help to **alleviate access block in QEH AED**

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