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Hi Gail

As you weren't at the TMG meeting last week, I have sent you this email.

At the present time BHSD is 92 wtd separations behind target. The target is achievable. BHSD must achieve the target - for many reasons including financial (over \$750,000 per year), ability to undertake range of operations, new equipment for OT, repair of equipment in OT, education and training of staff.

Should the target not be achieved, BHSD will not get another chance to upgrade the target and hence lose flexibility and significant dollars, (with increased scrutiny of all dollars spent in OT). Therefore it is imperative that everyone continue to pull together and maximise elective surgery thruput until Jun 30. All cancellations should be minimal with these cases pushed thru as much as possible.

To this end, as per draft policy, all elective surgery cancellations are to be discussed by Dr Patel, Dr Carter, Muddy and A/NUM OT. Should there be a problem, the final decision will be made by me.

Your cooperation and support during this period is greatly appreciated. Should you have any problems, please discuss.

Thanks

Darren

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