



INTRODUCTION TO 'CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER CORNER'

Timing is everything! We only have to look to the threat of a worldwide pandemic of the H1N1 virus to see how quickly medical and safety concerns travel around the globe.

With the health and safety of players being one of the pillars on which the International game is built, the Medical Committee of the International Ice Hockey Federation has arranged to have its own special corner of the IIHF website devoted solely and exclusively to health, medical and safety matters in ice hockey worldwide.

The plan, ideally, is intended to serve as a communications vehicle for our Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) in each of our Member National Associations. As the IIHF Medical Committee becomes involved in so many different concerns and experiences from all corners of the globe at so many different levels of competition, they can document these happenings and pass them on to our CMOs. And conversely, the CMOs can write in and inform and educate their counterparts with unique experiences they have had working in our game.

The site will be called the "Chief Medical Officer Corner" and will begin with commentary from the IIHF Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mark Aubry, and several members of the IIHF Medical Committee. It will run at least quarterly throughout this first year, and will be adjusted in style and content as information and experience dictates. Although primarily intended for the CMOs, it undoubtedly will attract the attention of many others involved in our game, all of whom are constantly concerned with the health and safety of our participants.

This first issue will include the Olympic Team Sports Statement Pandemic H1N1 as a reinforcing statement to the IIHF Prevention of H1N1 Viral Infection which was circulated at the Semi Annual Congress in September. Different topics will be included from our Medical Committee specialists, as space allows. We trust you will enjoy this new section of our IIHF website, and we will welcome your reactions to the thoughts, ideas and suggestions that will come your way in the months ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murray Costello", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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