

PROCEDURE/PROTOCOL FOR: Scheduling procedures in Cardiac Cath Lab: Cardiac Catheterizations and Percutaneous Coronary Interventions

- PURPOSE:
1. To outline personnel and duties involved in scheduling procedures in the Cath Lab.
 2. To delineate steps in scheduling elective or emergent procedures in the Cath Lab.
 3. To assure that any patient undergoing a cardiac procedure at JDH will be assessed for pre-procedure risk and will be directed to the appropriate level of care.

- POLICY:
1. Patients will be scheduled as:
 - a. Outpatients (discharged on day of procedure)
 - b. Inpatients (currently in JDH)
 - c. Transferred from another facility, either as outpatient or inpatient admission
 2. All procedures are scheduled by a physician after appropriate patient examination and testing is done.
 3. All procedures are scheduled through the Cardiac Cath scheduling number, x 2828 or the Cath Lab charge person.
 4. All patients who are admitted through AACU or are transferred in stable condition to the Cath Lab or Cardiac Step-Down Unit will have the interventional cardiologist as attending physician unless otherwise ordered.
 5. All patients post-Percutaneous Intervention are admitted or transferred to the Cardiac Step-Down Unit.
 6. Patients who are unstable medically or with an acute MI will be admitted to ICU post-procedure.

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PROCEDURE: Scheduling of Cardiac Catheterization with Angiography and/or Percutaneous Intervention (PTCA/stenting)

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1. Preadmission testing for procedure, including blood tests and EKG, must be done within 30 days prior to procedure unless clinically indicated. Testing is to be arranged through scheduling MD's office or the Cath Lab scheduling secretary.
 - a. Outpatient pre-procedure orders, bloodwork, consents, H&P and other pertinent test results should be available to Cath Lab scheduling secretary on the day before the procedure so that a chart can be made and sent to AACU.
 - b. Old medical records will be obtained by Cath Lab secretary and will accompany chart.
 - c. Transfers and inpatients need the above information accompanying them to the Cath Lab.
2. Cath Lab scheduling secretary will obtain patient name, insurance precertification, DOB, address, SSN, insurance information, attending MD, interventional cardiologist, diagnosis and procedure to be done, and will repeat this information to admitting bed control.
3. Cath Lab scheduling will schedule date and time of procedure in 1 ½ hr intervals, Monday through Friday, starting at 7:30 a.m. with last case scheduled at 3:00 p.m. Emergency or urgent add-on cases will be scheduled through the Cath Lab charge person on a case by case basis.

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4. Patient information, date, time TOO, procedure and MA will be called to: AACU, Cardiac Step-Down or ICU, Cath Lab, Cardiology Attending if needed, OR scheduling and cardiac surgeon's office.
5. All scheduling information will be placed in Cath Lab schedule and Cath lab scheduling database.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Patient needs will be anticipated to reduce risk and to improve outcomes with a successful Cath Lab procedure. Patients scheduled of Cardiac Cath procedures at JDH will be directed promptly and efficiently through the scheduling registration process.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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