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**Adult  
Congenital  
Heart   
Association**

Pre-/peri-/post-operative consultation, care and diagnostics should involve CHD trained/experienced personnel

**Date Effective:** MM/DD/YYYY

**Type of Policy:** Please indicate if this document is hospital policy or ACHD program policy/clinical guideline.

**Pre-operative:** Please list all of the CHD trained/experienced personnel involved in the pre-operative care consultation, care, and diagnostics for cardiothoracic surgery. Include their position (i.e. ACHD physicians and advanced practice providers) and their names if possible. Include details about the pre-operative process such as the location of care (i.e. pediatric or adult hospital), how this is decided, and how the ACHD team and surgical teams work together.

**Peri-operative:** Please list all of the CHD trained/experienced personnel involved in the peri-operative care consultation, care, and diagnostics for cardiothoracic surgery. Include their position (i.e. ACHD physicians and advanced practice providers) and their names if possible. Include details about the peri-operative process such as the location of care (i.e. pediatric or adult hospital), how this is decided, and how the ACHD team and surgical teams work together.

**Post-operative:** Please list all of the CHD trained/experienced personnel involved in the post-operative care consultation, care, and diagnostics for cardiothoracic surgery. Include their position (i.e. ACHD physicians and advanced practice providers) and their names if possible. Include details about the post-operative process such as the location of care (i.e. pediatric or adult hospital), how this is decided, and how the ACHD team and surgical teams work together.

Also provide details about how you ensure that the anesthesia teams are experienced in the care of ACHD patients.

**\*CTICU staff, including physicians and nurses, should undergo ongoing ACHD education.**

**Please note:** We require this documentation so that we can understand the complete cardiothoracic surgical process for ACHD patients at your institution. We want to ensure that no patients fail to receive proper surgical care in conjunction with trained ACHD providers.