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**Adult
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Heart 
Association**

Policy to Ensure Collaboration with Pediatric Cardiology Providers to Support Ongoing Discussion Regarding the Patients and Referrals

Date Effective: MM/DD/YYYY

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

Purpose

Indicate why this policy is in place and the population it benefits.

Policy Statement

State the actual policy to ensure collaboration with pediatric cardiology providers in the care of adolescent and adult CHD patients. This statement can be a brief overview of the policy. This section does not have to be as in-depth as the previous policies regarding transitional services. In fact, some of the previous policies may reference evidence of this collaboration between ACHD providers and pediatric cardiology providers.

Procedures

Describe in more detail the relationship between pediatric cardiologists and ACHD cardiologists to treat CHD patients in all stages of their care. These details should include:

- Methods of communication between ACHD and pediatric cardiology providers.
- Instances when this collaboration occurs (i.e. when a pediatric patient has a complex condition that is beyond a pediatric provider's knowledge)
- Education materials about ACHD
- Specific ACHD resources that are available to pediatric providers

References

If applicable, please list any articles or other resources utilized to develop your institution's policy to ensure collaboration between pediatric cardiology providers and ACHD providers in the care of adolescent and adult CHD patients.

Required Signatures

N/A

Helpful Tips

If you would like, please upload any documentation or examples of the above policy to the additional files section of K Transitional Services. It is not a requirement. Please save the document with K3 in the title so that we know which policy/procedure the uploaded document references.