Project TICKER

Teamwork to Improve Cardiac Kids' End Results

Clinical Pathway: Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD) or Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) Repair

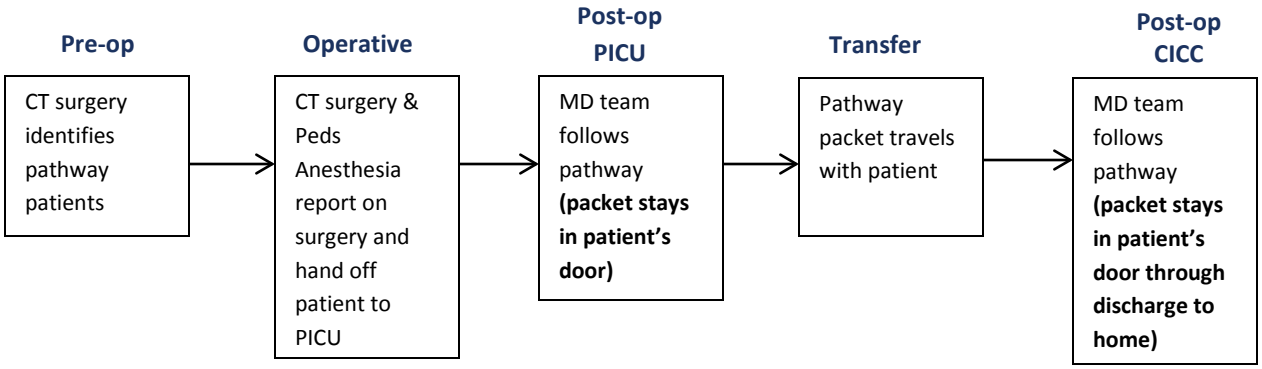
Notes: (1) This pathway is a general guideline and variations can occur based on professional judgment to meet individual patient needs. (2) This is a quality improvement document and should not be a part of the patient's medical record.

Eligibility Criteria

- No significant co-morbidities
- Expected length of stay 5 days

- Circumstances when a patient should come ***off pathway*** (examples, not an exhaustive list):
  Expected length of stay is longer than 5 days (e.g., patient has cardiogenic shock, infection, sepsis, JET, or other clinical problem)

Pathway Process



Note to PICU physician team: The daily goals pathway sheets should be fully completed each day, including the quality measures and family communication sections located on the back of sheets for post-op days 1 and 2. The pathway sheets take the place of the standard daily goals communication sheets and should stay in the patient doors when not being filled out.

References: see Bibliography for Integrated Clinical Pathways (http://www.med.unc.edu/ticker/the-project/implementation)

Instructions for HUCs

- Obtain most recent version of pathway packet here: http://www.med.unc.edu/ticker/the-project/implementation
- When making copies of the packets, copy post-op days 1 and 2 double-sided
- Entire pathway packet should be stapled together
- Copies of packets are kept in the file drawer of secretary desk at high end
- When pulling packet for a patient, include a date stamp on the Day of Surgery sheet
- Make note of each TICKER patient on the daily census assignment sheet
- ***Make sure the pathway packet accompanies patient through transfer to CICC***

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