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Dear Colleagues:

Pediatric Anesthesia Associates is dedicated to providing excellent anesthesia care to all our patients. As such we would like to take this opportunity to discuss an increasingly important concern. We are currently experiencing a large increase in the number of 'cardiac anesthesia' request cases. We feel some of these requests may not be necessary, and in fact, may result in cases not being done in an efficient and timely manner. All in our group have completed a pediatric anesthesia fellowship and are willing to care for children with 'repaired' cardiac issues or moderate cardiac disease.

If you have a patient with a history of cardiac disease presenting for surgery and would like to initiate an anesthesia consult to determine need for cardiac anesthesia, please call our cardiac anesthesia consult phone at 502-249-4390. Please do not 'request cardiac anesthesia' in the chart. We ask that infants with significant cardiac disease continue to be scheduled before noon for elective cases to minimize npo times and permit as much staff as necessary to be available to optimize patient care.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter!

Respectfully yours,



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