

## **CATH LAB PATIENT CARE PATHWAY**

### PHYSICIAN TESTIMONIALS

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As we transition away from fee-for-service thinking for medical reimbursements, we have to start to consider entire episodes of care and how we will greatest effect throughput and efficiency. The care pathway approach encompasses all aspects of the patient's care from admission to post acute care. Radial catheterization care pathway therefore affects care by determining the optimal approach to invasive procedures on the cardiac patient and framing the entire episode of care with this procedural efficiency. Radial catheterization allows patients the least number of postoperative complications, decreased readmissions for procedural complications, optimal turn around in the outpatient setting with the greatest chance of same-day discharge and the lowest length and lowest cost for outpatient or inpatient catheterization. This degree of efficient care provides the greatest patient satisfaction with the best outcomes.

Furthermore as we move to risk sharing models of reimbursement, doesn't it make sense to have the lowest risk and most predictable procedure be employed as the most common approach? Imagine a discussion with a payor where you can all but guarantee a reduction in the most common catheterization complications such as groin hematoma or need for surgical repair of access site pseudoaneurysm. When we have a more predictable mode of care, bundling and risk sharing becomes significantly more appealing to all parties involved.

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As we continue moving forward in providing better, safer care, we need to also focus on delivering more affordable care. We must work together in developing care pathways that can curb our out-of-control and unsustainable healthcare costs. Radial angiography delivers on all aspects of the triple aim initiative delivering better, safer care, and a better patient experience at a significantly reduced cost. Should you spend the time and effort to learn radial? Can you and our healthcare system afford not to?

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MedAxiom and Terumo helped us move forward on our path of cath lab improvement. Denise and Anne did a great job of assessing our clinical and clerical processes and then gave a fabulous presentation to our entire team. They were engaging, knowledgeable and backed up their insights and recommendations with smart data. They impressed everyone with their deep knowledge of cath lab operations. Their 'boots on the ground' approach resonated with our group and their suggestions for improving efficiencies were well received. We are currently including many of their recommendations in an upcoming cath lab improvement project.