

Pediatric Cardiology Consult and Referral Guidelines

DIAGNOSIS	EVALUATION PRIOR TO REFERRAL	WHEN TO REFER	WHAT TO SEND	COMMENTS
Murmur	None (all testing can be performed in the office at the time of the exam)	If practitioner uncomfortable with PE findings Prior to competitive athletics if felt to possibly be pathologic Parental concern	Office note when murmur documented	-Will likely have echocardiogram and possibly EKG
Syncope		Prior to participating in competitive sports If cardiac cause is suspected If therapy is warranted	Office notes describing event(s) Results of any pertinent tests	-Will likely have EKG and echocardiogram -Will suggest neurology referral if symptoms warrant
PFO or branch PS on neonatal echo		6 months of age if exam consistent with diagnosis	Copy of echo reports (if in records) and NICU or nursery discharge summary	
Hypertension (see nephrology)	Echocardiogram in our office as part of nephrology work-up	If echocardiogram shows cardiac anomaly		
Palpitations	Have parents or patient keep log of events prior to visit		Copy of records	
Chest pain	CXR if musculoskeletal cause is suspected or if there is history of trauma		Copy of records, copy of CXR	-Work-up likely to include EKG, echocardiogram and stress test if symptoms associated with exercise

Tips for an effective visit:

- Talk with your patient and family about the reason for the referral and the questions to be answered.
- Please send all pertinent information ahead of time to allow us to better serve our patients and their families.

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