**Bart’s and the London Children’s Hospital**

**Preoperative Management of the Child with a Heart Murmur**

**THIS GUIDELINE APPLIES TO CHILDREN UNDERGOING ELECTIVE**

**SURGERY**

**ALL** children with a heart murmurs must be assessed pre-operatively by a paediatrician of at least specialist registrar grade or ST 4 + equivalent and discussed with their consultant.

**PLEASE** Check with the parents and in the child’s medical records for any Cardiology outpatient review. If they have had a recent Consultant Cardiologist’s opinion, have a structurally normal heart and have been diagnosed with an innocent murmur then it is safe to proceed.

**IF** they are acutely unwell and/or have a complex cardiac condition please discuss the child with the on-call Paediatric Registrar who will assess the child and liaise with the Cardiology Team at Great Ormond Street as appropriate.

**The Joint Cardiology Clinic (Royal London Hospital)**

Dr Filip Kucera (Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist, GOSH) has a clinic every Tuesday morning-7th floor clinic 5. Referrals to Dr Kucera for non-urgent cases should be made via their General Practitioner or via Dr Kucera’s secretary (RLH) Teresa Duggan ext. 41629

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