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Cardiothoracic Surgery Referral Guidelines

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This information is designed to aid practitioners in making decisions about appropriate medical care. These guidelines should not be construed as dictating an exclusive course of treatment. Variations in practice may be warranted based on the needs of the individual patient, resources, and limitations unique to the institutional type of practice.

E-CONSULT DISCLAIMER:

E-consults are based on the clinical data available to the reviewing provider, and are furnished without benefit of a comprehensive evaluation or physical examination. All advice and recommendations must be interpreted in light of any clinical issues, or changes in patient status, not available to the reviewing provider. The ongoing management of clinical problems addressed by the e-consult is the responsibility of the referring provider. If you have further questions or would like clarifications regarding e-consult advice, please contact the reviewing provider. If needed, the patient will be scheduled for an in-office consultation.

All URGENT consultations require provider-to-provider communication. If your patient has a medical emergency, please direct them to the closest emergency room for expedited care.

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AORTA/CARDIAC PATHOLOGY

1. **Background**
2. **Pre-referral evaluation and treatment**
 - a. Cardiac referrals should first be seen by a cardiologist except for pathology of the ascending or descending thoracic aorta
3. **Indications for referral**

CHEST PATHOLOGY

1. **Background**
2. **Pre-referral evaluation and treatment**
 - a. Chest referrals should first be seen by a pulmonologist or oncologist then referred
3. **Indications for referral**

ESOPHAGEAL PATHOLOGY

1. **Background**
2. **Pre-referral evaluation and treatment**
 - a. Esophageal pathology should be seen first by a gastroenterologist then referred
3. **Indications for referral**

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