CVICU Postoperative Chest Tube Removal Algorithm CCHOC Children's. **Please Note:** This pathway is intended for Re-evaluate Yes patients following cardiac Open Chest? when chest is surgery. closed Fontan patients are excluded No from this pathway – please refer to the Fontan **Operation (Extra-Cardiac,** No Re-evaluate Non-Fenestrated) Hemodynamically stable? when stable Guideline Yes No ICL as long term access? No Yes Re-evaluate Intracardiac lines (ICL)? Can ICL be removed? (> 7 days post chest closure) tomorrow Yes Yes No **Evaluate** Any rhythm requiring pacing? for pleural tube removal only No **Evaluate** for pleural and mediastinal CT removal Yes Re-evaluate Air leak? tomorrow Re-evaluate No later today Hemothorax, pneumothorax, or effusion on CXR? Yes No No Yes Is chest tube drainage over last 12 hours < 20 ml for < 10kg No Is chest tube drainage < 40 ml for 10-20kg close to removal criteria? < 60 ml for > 20-40 kg< twice body wt for > 40kg Yes Re-evaluate after Yes diet advanced to > 50% History of chylous drainage requiring intervention of goal with lipidcontaining feeding No Yes Re-evaluate Does patient need to be fed? tomorrow

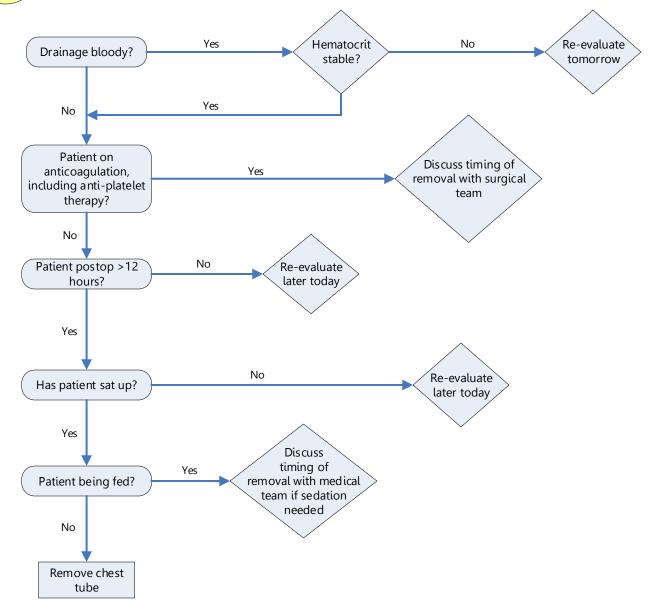
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