Inpatient Echocardiography

In accordance with the published recommendations of the American Society of Echocardiography (<u>link here</u>) inpatient echoes should only be requested if there is a reasonable possibility of the results altering care. In addition, the exams will be focused and directed to address a specific question (a limited echo). Because of the very high risk of aerosolization, TEEs will be performed only when an echocardiographer has reviewed the case and there are no other imaging options.

For inpatient pediatric echoes please discuss with the anticipated reading pediatric cardiologist to verify the essential nature of the request.