

CARDIAC AND CATH LAB SCHEDULING

May 2023

- Elective cardiac cases will only be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- We will not set aside an anesthesiologist for cardiac on Mondays and Fridays
- If urgent hearts arising on a Monday or a Friday cannot be accommodated, the anesthesia coordinator or department chairman will decide what is the best course of action that causes the least amount of disruption to the overall OR schedule
- Cath lab cases can be scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings if there is no heart scheduled. If then a heart is added, the cath lab case must follow if there is inadequate anesthesia staffing
- Surgery Scheduling will check with us before putting on a cath lab cases for Monday or Friday
- Our staffing plan will not include accommodation for urgent cases on nights and weekends. A plan exists to life-flight such patients to UH. But of course, we will always find a way to staff the rare true emergency that would not survive transfer