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For review by the GP within 24 hours of receipt

Dear Doctor

Following cardiac angiography on *Patient X* an appointment has been made for them to be reviewed by the Cardiac Surgeon. As a part of their preoperative investigations, it has been found that this patient is suffering from iron deficient anaemia and has been placed on the Hospital's "Optimising Hb before surgery" pathway.

The patient has been started on ferrous sulphate 200 mg TDS for 3 months unless advised otherwise.

If the patient is unable to tolerate this prescription please reduce the frequency or change to an alternative iron preparation (e.g. sodium feredetate 190mg po TDS).

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed anaemia pathway and this patient's recent blood results. We kindly request you review them in conjunction with the patient's history and initiate any investigations/treatment you deem necessary.

The patient has been advised to attend BVH for a blood test to re-check their response to any treatment 1 week before surgical review. The relevant paperwork has been given to them.

Thank you for your co-operation with the pre surgery anaemia optimisation pathway.

Yours sincerely

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