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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 either non-iron deficient microcytic anaemia or functional iron deficiency and has been placed on the Hospital's "Optimising Hb before surgery" pathway.

Before all the iron studies were made available to us the patient was started on ferrous sulphate 200 mg TDS. **Now upon reviewing these results we kindly request that you ask the patient to discontinue taking this prescription.**

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.

Please review the B12 and folate results and if required commence treatment immediately; recommended dosing can be found in the pathway attached.

The patient has been advised to attend BVH for a blood test to re-check their response to 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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