**SPINE DEFORMITY SURGERY LOW-RISK PATHWAY**

- **Decision made for major spine surgery**
- **Surgery scheduling form filled out**
- **Spine Nurse Coordinator contact with parent/guardian by phone for brief introduction, education and complete pre-op surgical assessment**

### Pre-Op: Surgical Evaluation (2-4 weeks prior to surgery date)
- **Spine Nurse Coordinator**
  - Complete Pre-op Surgery Checklist
    - Peri-op process, hospitalization and Inpatient Care Team document
    - Surgical Handouts
    - Instructions for bacterial decolonization
- **Radiographs**
  - Standing, seated, or supine full length scoliosis radiographs based on patient's ability
  - AP/PA, lateral, right bend, left bend, radiographs
- **Surgeon**
  - Review Pre-op Surgery Checklist
  - Discuss plan for surgery with family
  - Review Risks vs Benefits of surgery
- **Labs:**
  - MRSA swab
  - CBC
  - BMP (Chem 8)
  - Type and screen
  - UA with reflex to culture
- **Social Work evaluation for any needs**
- **H&P completed within 30 days of surgery per hospital policy, prefer by PCP**

### 5 days prior to surgery:
- Start the **Bacterial Decolonization Protocol**

### Day of Surgery
- **Admit to pre/post morning of surgery**
- **NPO guidelines per anesthesia/hospital policy**
- **Surgeon to see patient prior to surgery and update H&P**
- **Surgical site marked per hospital policy**
- **Chlorhexidine gluconate wipe to be done in CARES by nurse**
- **Urine pregnancy screen (serum HCG may be substituted – All post menarchal female patients)**
- **Type and Cross for 1 unit of pRBCs**
- **Go to OR**

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