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February 2, 2024

**Dear Medical Staff Colleagues,**

We appreciate your patience as we navigate the current and future surgical services schedules at HCA Florida North Florida Hospital. The below are guidelines on how we will collectively manage our OR schedules.

Your Physician Advisory Panel has reviewed and approved the following:

**February 5, 2024 - February 11, 2024**

Priority scheduling for CV, Urgent Malignancy and Urgent/Emergent cases to be approved by Physician Advisory Panel. Reach out to Dr. Somers via [REDACTED] iMobile or email with case description and reason for add-on necessity. Dr. Somers will review with the Physician Advisory Panel and if approved, will forward on to OR team to obtain patient information and the date and time of approved schedule.

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**February 12, 2024 – February 18, 2024**

The Physician Advisory Panel will review this week's scheduled cases and work to achieve a fair and equitable utilization of block time. Surgeons can perform half of their normal elective block time during this period. Physician groups may be asked to manage specific cases identified this week and will be allowed to risk stratify their own patients or an even exchange of patients without prior approval. Any further urgent elective cases will require Physician Advisory Panel approval. Any inpatient surgery will be allowed to be scheduled without approval, provided they are considered urgent/emergent.

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Thank you for your attention. Further communication will be provided when available.

Kind regards,

**Sherrie Somers, D.O.**

Chief Medical Officer

HCA Florida North Florida Hospital