

## BRISTOL HEALTH DISTRICT (TEACHING)

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 re: THE FONTAN OPERATION continued.....2

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that probably a combination of views is appropriate. As a basis for further discussion I would like to concentrate on the selection criteria and make the following suggestions:-

1. That we should set up a formal written protocol to be checked out in every case. This should contain (i) Fontan's Ten Commandments, (ii) an assessment of the size of the pulmonary arteries, (iii) confirmation that there has been recent catheterisation, (iv) that full echocardiography should be carried out which should be looking at, amongst other things, left ventricular function, left ventricular muscle thickness, left and right atrial size. If a recent catheter has not been carried out then it would probably be satisfactory to bring the information up-to-date by doing an echo in the pre-operative period.

I would simply seek everyone's help in trying to overcome this rather difficult and disappointing problem.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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