



Aspirin (ASA) Holding Guideline for Pediatric Cardiac Surgery

For patients with congenital heart disease, aspirin should be stopped 7 days prior to cardiac surgery with the following exceptions:

- Patients with shunted physiology, including Hybrid Norwood patients with PDA stents and/or PA bands -
 - **Due to risk for shunt thrombosis, aspirin does not need to be stopped prior to cardiac surgery.**
- Patients receiving Plavix -
 - Plavix should be stopped five 5 days prior to surgical procedure.
 - After Plavix is discontinued, these patients should continue taking aspirin. Aspirin should *not* be stopped prior to cardiac surgery.
- Patients who have undergone cardiac catheterization for stent placement -
 - Aspirin should *not* be held for PDA stents or stented shunts.
 - Aspirin should *not* be held for any reason for patients with SVC and aortic stents for a minimum of 6 weeks after they are placed.
 - All other patients, please contact the interventional cardiologist for further guidance.