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Hello All,

Dr. Prashant C. Shah has requested in the past that **his esophagectomy patients NOT receive any ketorolac due to increased risk of anastomotic leak**. I have primarily focused on educating our APMS nurses and residents on physician preferences like this one, because they are on the service more frequently than many of our non-APMS staff who round only on weekends. Despite these efforts, there have been multiple esophagectomy patients who have received ketorolac.

In order to prevent issues such as these from arising in the future, Dr. Shah has requested that all non-epidural changes to medications be communicated to his team. That would create an extra safety measure. We will begin putting a reminder to that effect in the APMS list “Comments” section for his patients.

Please let me know if you have any other suggestions to improve safety. An EPIC solution is not feasible, because system-wide approval would be required to block ketorolac from being used in this diagnosis code.

Thanks,

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