**POLICY/PROTOCOL PULSE CHECKS ON BETA BLOCKER PATIENTS**

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TO:        ALL CLINICAL STAFF
FROM:      JERRY ORLOFF
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**DR. VAISHNAV**

Whenever Dr. Vaishnav starts a patient on a beta blocker eye drop (Timolol, Betaxolol, Betagan, Istalol, Betoptic-S, or similar), the assistant in the room with him is to check the patient's pulse, record their reading in the patient's EMR, and then personally report this finding to Dr. Vaishnav.

Dr. Vaishnav would then like to have that patient's pulse checked and recorded by the work up technician on all subsequent visits to our Practice, without exception.

**DR. MCMANUS**

When Dr. McManus starts a patient on a beta blocker eye drop, he would like his assistant to check the patient's pulse, record their reading in the patient's chart, and then personally report their findings to him.  Dr. McManus would also like that patient's pulse checked by the work up technician at the patient's next examination (i.e. likely a two, three, four, six or eight week IOP check).

Beyond this visit, Dr. McManus will determine if additional measurements of the patient's pulse are necessary.