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Re: Choosing Wisely

Dear Trauma SIG members,

It is a pleasure to announce to you that APSNA's "Don't Statement," – *Don't routinely repeat labs hemoglobin and hematocrit in the hemodynamically normal pediatric patient with isolated blunt solid organ injury*, (American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc./American Pediatric Surgical Association) was finally accepted by the Choosing Wisely Program lead by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). This was a two-year long collaborative effort among APSNA Board Members from 2016, 2017, and 2018, the APSNA Trauma SIG (under the leadership of Laurie Sands and Suzanne Kujawa – with Laurie being the one that came up with the initial idea of this "don't statement"), and the American Pediatric Surgical Association's Trauma Committee, under the leadership of then Chair, David Gourlay, MD, from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

We were held to a very rigorous process of development, acceptance and now announcement. On June 22, 2018, at the American Nurses Association Membership Assembly held in Washington, DC, the announcement was made by the AAN followed by a [press release](#).

I am grateful to all of those that participated; we should all be extremely proud of this work and how it impacts pediatric surgical patients and families. This type of work exemplifies collaboration at its best.

In the next couple of weeks, the AAN's website as well as the Choosing Wisely websites will have the statements up with our organizational logos, adding to the existing Don't Statements. APSNA will have special announcements as well in the upcoming *News You Can Use* as well as our website, making this available to the public. Please be on the lookout for these.

Because we have had very specific requirements regarding marketing and announcements, we ask that you touch base with the current APSNA Board via our current President, [Barbara Bratton](#), before announcements are made outside of APSNA approved ones. We also ask that when announcements are approved by APSNA that they ensure that the collaborative nature of this endeavor is reinforced. Thank you again for your work and time on this effort.

Sincerely,

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