

To: Heywood & Athol Medical Providers and Staff

From: Joseph Walek, MD

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Re: Sleep Study Services

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Dear Colleagues,

As a follow up to the recent changes to sleep study services at Heywood Hospital, I want to assure you that I will continue to provide pulmonary and sleep medicine consultative services at Heywood Pulmonology.

I am partnered and credentialed with Mass Lung and Allergy Sleep Center to provide Home Sleep Studies and Lab-Based Sleep Studies for my patients.

Through this partnership, patients receiving a Home Sleep Test will be fitted and educated on the device in my office, and I will provide the professional interpretations and therapeutic interventions. I will continue to strive to meet your needs in an expedited fashion with a quick turn around on the interpretation and review of all sleep studies.

For patients who require a Lab-Based Sleep Study, patients will be given the option of the Mass Lung and Allergy lab in Leominster or Worcester depending on preference and schedule. Again, I will provide the professional interpretations and therapeutic interventions.

For patients referred to Heywood Pulmonology for a sleep consultation, the consultation will consist of a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation and therapeutic interventions individualized to the patient. My office staff will obtain the insurance authorization for the sleep study, and will arrange the sleep study with Mass Lung & Allergy Sleep Center. The sleep study will be interpreted and the results will be forwarded to the referring provider and primary care physician. I will see the patient in follow-up to discuss sleep diagnosis and management. Dr. Croteau at Central Mass Pulmonary uses the same process.

In addition to referring your sleep study patients to Dr. Croteau's or my office, you can also directly refer patients to Mass Lung and Allergy for sleep study services. To do so, you may complete the attached referral form, obtain an insurance authorization if required, select Dr. Croteau or myself as the clinical follow-up preference, and we will complete the interpretation and follow up.

I look forward to our continued professional collaboration.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Walek, MD