

Cardiology Pathways

Please refer to RSS website for the exact referral criteria into these pathways

Referral Type	Requirements	Specialty	Clinic Type	Exclusions
Open Access Echo for Heart Murmurs	<p>No specific form required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the ICG referral proforma and clearly identify the reason for the referral. • Please attach a recent ECG 	Diagnostic Physiological Measurement	Cardiac Physiology - Echocardiogram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People already under cardiology follow up in Secondary Care. • People with symptoms of heart failure with a murmur or with Atrial Fibrillation, should be referred through the Heart Failure pathway instead
Heart Failure Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Heart Failure referral form and attach to the standard ICG referral proforma. • Attach ECG and ensure that blood test results are included with values especially BNP 	Cardiology	Heart Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal BNP • Recent echocardiogram < 6/12 months • Patient already under a cardiologist

<p>Palpitations Pathway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Palpitations Pathway referral form and attach to the standard ICG referral proforma. • A normal full blood count and thyroid function test MUST have been completed and results included in the referral. • A resting ECG must also be enclosed. 	<p>Diagnostic Physiological Measurement</p>	<p>Cardiac Physiology - ECG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk patients with symptoms below- Refer urgently to Cardiology Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of Syncope - Exertional cardiac symptoms - Pre-existing cardiac disease; heart failure, valvular heart disease, congenital heart disease - Family History of Sudden Cardiac Death under the age of 65 years - Evidence of structural heart disease - Resting ECG abnormality of excluding 1st degree heart block -Atrial Fibrillation - If Atrial fibrillation documented follow NICE guidance CG36 -Abnormal Full blood count -Abnormal Thyroid function test -Paediatrics- under 16 years of age, should be referred to a paediatrician
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Other Cardiology Referrals	<p>No specific form required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the ICG referral proforma and clearly identify the reason for the referral. • Please attach a recent ECG if possible and the results of other appropriate investigations for example 24hr BP • Any abnormal test results 	<p>General Cardiology</p>	<p>Choose from clinic dropdown options depending on what condition is being referred</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals that would be more appropriate for the other pathways • Rapid access chest pain clinic to send direct to department • Lipid clinic referrals should be directed to lipid clinic not general cardiology . Please refer via the RSS by selecting <u>Speciality</u> : Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorders and <u>Clinic Type</u> : Lipid Disorders
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