

Cardiology Admission and Referrals - Summary Clinical Guideline

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Guidelines for Cardiology Admissions and Referrals.

1. Out of hours PPCI admissions- Majority of PPCI are brought straight to the cath lab by paramedics. The Ward on call SPR will be bleeped (6508) to review this patient on arrival. These patients need to be assessed as the on call cardiologist may not have arrived. There is an antiplatelet therapy guideline on our intranet (STEMI). If unstable they need to be managed as any patient. After the procedure they need a formal clerking with drugs, VTE, CXR etc done on the ICM and a senior clinical review.

Some patients require urgent assessment in A&E and these should be seen as a top priority by the ward SPR. If they fulfil criteria for PPCI then call PPCI mobile number which is available in A&E. If uncertain if they need to go straight to the Cath Lab e.g. borderline ECG then discuss with on call consultant.

2. Some patients are admitted directly to CCU who are not PPCI eg cardiogenic shock, unstable arrhythmia. Between 0800 to 2200 hrs, ALL CCU admissions MUST be approved by on call consultant cardiologist. Outside these hours the Med SPR will make that decision (guidelines for suitable admissions for ACS are on the ACS flowcharts on the intranet, other conditions are listed in the yellow handbook). These patients should be clerked by the ward SPR bleep 6508 (in exceptional cases, when not clerked by the SpR, they must have prompt senior review).

3. Cardiology patients on MAU. Criteria for cardiology allocation are on the MAU doctors' office wall. Please make yourself familiar with them. They should only be allocated on the computer to Cardiology after a senior review and in accordance with the criteria. Patients remaining on MAU/SAU the following day (due to bed issues) will be reviewed by the Cardiac outreach team and they will highlight to the on call Cardiologist if they need a Cardiology review that day. Medical jobs and will still be done by the MAU team.

4. Ward cardiology referrals. We now have an on call cardiology SPR from Monday to Friday from 0830-1900 and on most weekends between 0830-1700hrs. They are available on mobile 07585966152. All referrals must be discussed with your consultant (or registrar in an emergency if consultant not immediately available). Please make referrals on the white board system and only call the cardiology SPR on call on the above mobile number for emergency referrals. Referrals made before 12 noon will be seen the same day.

5. Other sources of support/information: Cardiac outreach nurses can provide invaluable advice and support and can be contacted via switchboard during normal hours. The intranet has guidelines for ACS, STEMI, arrhythmias etc.

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