

Cardiology

Outpatient service information, triage and referral guidelines

Description of Service:

The Cardiology unit provides specialised assessment and surgical care of patients with problems of the cardiovascular system.

Services Provided:

- > Ischaemic heart disease
- > Coronary heart disease
- > Arrhythmias
- > Pacemakers
- > Rapid access chest pain clinic
- > Structural heart conditions / TAVI
- > Pulmonary hypertension
- > Heart failure
- > Hypertension
- > ECG, echocardiography, Exercise tests, holter monitoring

Exclusions:

- > Paediatrics
- > Patients receiving care for the same condition at another LHN.

For admission or **URGENT** advice contact the Cardiology Registrar/Fellow

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Ph: (08) 7074 0000
 The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) Ph: (08) 8222 6000

Alternatively, if the problem is urgent and the patient is unstable, the patient should be sent directly to the Emergency Department of the nearest hospital for assessment.

For more information or to make a referral contact

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Fax: (08) 7074 6247 Ph: 1300 153 853
 The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) Fax: (08) 8222 7188 Ph: (08) 8222 7030 / (08) 8222 7020

Essential Referral Content:

Demographic

- > Date of birth
- > Contact details (including mobile phone)
- > Referring GP details
- > Interpreter requirements
- > Medicare number

Clinical

- > Reason for referral
- > Duration of symptoms
- > Relevant pathology and imaging reports
- > Past medical history
- > Current medications



Adult Triage Criteria for referral

Emergency Direct to Emergency Department and phone the on call specialist or registrar.	Category 1 Target within 4 weeks <i>Urgent cases must be discussed with the registrar</i>	Category 2 & Category 3 Target within 3 months Target 6-12 months <i>See SA Health Median and Maximum Outpatient Waiting Time</i> Expected long wait
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Acute MI > Acute Heart failure > Symptomatic AF > Symptomatic SVT > VT > Syncope – depending on history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > New onset angina > Nocturnal angina > Angina at rest > Palpitations > Syncope/Pre-syncope > Chronic cardiac failure > Severe hypertension (>200/120) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Asymptomatic cardiac murmurs > All other cardiac conditions

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The Queen Elizabeth Hospital: Ground Floor Area 2/ Area 4
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