

Referral framework

All referrals are to include information below.

During normal working hours, contact can Registrar to discuss any referrals.

Send referral to...

Dubbo - Send referral via Argus to

WNSWLHD-ccdubsmc@health.nsw.gov.au
or

Fax referral 6884 8139

Name of clinical condition / presentation

- Cardiology

Indications for specialist referral

- Chest pain
- Non respiratory breathing difficulty (heart failure)
- Palpitations
- Syncope
- Cardiomyopathy
- Pericardial Effusions
- Myo/Pericarditis

Referral information required

- Detailed symptoms/ examination findings
- GP – thoughts about the condition (DDX)
- Previous correspondence from Specialist regarding same

Investigations required

- ECG
- 2D Echocardiogram / TOE
- Exercise Stress Testing / MIBI / CTCA reports
- Previous coronary angiogram/PCI reports
- Non cardiac relevant investigations

Initial management

- Depends on the presentation

'Red Flag' items

In the event of a "Red Flag Item" it would depend on the symptoms

- Troponin + ACS (ED presentation)
- Unstable Angina (ED presentation)
- ST/T changes in ECG * with chest pain* (ED presentation)
- NYHA III – IV SOB (Heart Failure) (ED presentation)
- Evidence of reversible ischaemia on Functional Testing (Clinic presentation)
- Previous Tachyarrhythmias/Bradyarrhythmias (Clinic presentation) If current VT to ED
- Recurrent Syncope (Clinic presentation/± ED)



How to access care in the event of a 'red flag'

Depending on symptoms:

- I. refer to ED
- II. Contact Cardiology Department for possibility of urgent slot

Other information

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