



## CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION REFERRAL PROCESS

### To facilitate patient referral, please note this process:

1. After assessment of the patient, the referring physician completes and signs a Cardiac Catheterization Referral form and faxes it to the office of the Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator (RCCC) at **519-749-6606**. The Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator reviews the form, and in consultation with the Cathing Cardiologist, determines the urgency of the referral and proceeds to book the patient. A booked date for a cardiac catheterization can only be given after the referral form has been received.

2. Documentation to be submitted with the referral includes:

- History and Physical, including allergies and list of medications
- Consultation Note
- Medication List (inpatients only)
- Demographic Sheet (inpatients only)
- Lab work as listed below in #3 (inpatients only)
- Most recent ECG (inpatients only)

### And if applicable:

- Graded exercise stress test
- Perfusion Scan report (MIBI)
- Echocardiogram report
- Surgical notes (CABG – number, type of bypass grafts and/or prosthetic valves)
- Plasty notes (if available)

3. The following lab work must be completed within 30 days of the scheduled procedure, and the results of these diagnostics must be faxed to the office of the RCCC prior to the procedure:

- CBC with Differential, Platelet Count
- Electrolytes
- Blood Sugar
- BUN, Creatinine
- ECG
- INR (if on Coumadin)

4. All referrals will be scheduled into the first available time slot. Consideration will be given if there is a request for a specific Cathing Cardiologist to perform the procedure.

### For Outpatients:

1. The Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator will communicate with the office of the assigned/requested Cathing Cardiologist to relay the date and time of the procedure. This ensures that a pre-procedure visit can be arranged for the patient with the Cardiologist.

2. The referring physician's office will instruct the patient about adjustment of medications prior to the procedure (i.e. Coumadin, Diabetic Management)

3. The Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator will notify the referring physician's office of the name of the Cathing Cardiologist and the date and time of the procedure.
4. The Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator will verbally confirm and/or send a letter of confirmation to the patient regarding the procedure location, date and time and ensures that the patient receives the Cardiac Catheterization Procedure Package. The patient will be instructed to take this package to all appointments and to St. Mary's General Hospital on the day of the procedure.

**For Inpatients:**

1. The Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator will forward a copy of the Protocol for Preparation of Patients for Cardiac Catheterization to the inpatient unit if not already received.
2. The office of the Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator will notify the referring hospital of the name of the Cathing Cardiologist as well as the date and time of the procedure, to facilitate the communication between these two parties that must occur prior to the scheduled procedure.
3. For inpatients from hospital other than St. Mary's General Hospital, the referring hospital is responsible for the necessary ambulance transport to and from St. Mary's General Hospital.

**All:**

The referring physician will notify the Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator by phone at **519-749-6541** of any changes in the patient's condition that may affect his/her status on the waiting list.