

# CARDIOLOGY

## National Referral Guidelines

### CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY

- Angina not adequately controlled by medical treatment, or medical treatment not tolerated.
- Angina or ischaemia early post-myocardial infarction
- Angina/non Q wave myocardial infarction associated with myocardial necrosis (elevated troponin T or I) or intermittent ST/T changes.
- Myocardial ischaemia on the treadmill within 9 minutes (stage I to III) of the Bruce protocol (or equivalent by stress echocardiography, nuclear perfusion)
- Patients >40 years or at risk for coronary disease undergoing valve or other non-coronary cardiac surgery.
- Unexplained "cardiomyopathy", ventricular arrhythmias or cardiac arrest.
- Congestive heart failure with regional left ventricular wall motion abnormalities
- Episodic congestive heart failure and normal or near normal left ventricular systolic function.
- Myocardial ischaemia precluding occupational licensing.
- Chest pain - uncertain diagnosis after non-invasive assessment.
- Acute myocardial infarction - cardiogenic shock, alternative to thrombolysis, clinically failed reperfusion with thrombolysis

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### CORONARY ANGIOPLASTY

- Clinical indication as for coronary angiography
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- Coronary anatomy suitable for percutaneous intervention