

CARDIOLOGY / CARDIAC SURGERY

National Access Criteria for First Assessment (ACA)

Category Definitions : These are recommended guidelines for HHS specialists prioritizing referrals from cardiology.

1. Immediately - *Immediately in hospital*
2. Urgent - *within 1 week*
3. Semi-urgent - *within 2 weeks*
4. Routine - *within 6 weeks*

The times to assesment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department.

NATIONAL REFERRAL GUIDELINES : CARDIOLOGY / CARDIAC SURGERY

Category	Symptomatology
1. Immediate	<p>Pain on rest or pain on mobilising (class IV, A, B & C). ETT marked positive (+++). Spontaneous pain in hospital. Post MI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thrombolysis x2 in hospital (same admission) • cardiogenic shock • complications (eg. VSD, severe MR, subacute rupture) • positive troponin T at presentation • decrease in ventricular function <p>Patients needing hospital surgery + requiring diagnostic coronary Arteriogram. Some patients requiring transplant assesment / VT or VF investigation.</p>
2. Urgent	<p>Class iii / iv A on resonable treatment (at least B Blocker, vasodilator). ETT - very positive (++) , but not satisfying markedly positive criteria. Diagnosis for severe associated valvular heart disease.</p>
3. Semi Urgent	<p>Continuing angina (Class ii-iii) despite reasonable treatment (see above). And/or positive (+) ETT</p>
4. Routine	Remainder