

## Guideline for referral: Perioperative Cardiology Multi-disciplinary team

### New cardiac issue/s identified at Anaesthetic review (Examples of Preoperative cardiac Issues)

- 1. Cardiac Rhythm**  
New atrial or ventricular arrhythmias  
ECG abnormalities
- 2. Valvular Heart Disease**  
Significant valvular heart disease on echocardiogram and no recent follow up.  
Valvular heart disease and timing of non-cardiac surgery
- 3. Heart failure**  
Recent symptoms or hospitalisation  
Optimisation of management
- 4. Myocardial ischemia**  
New symptoms (angina, SOB, other)  
ECG changes  
Non-invasive imaging
- 5. Other**

Discuss cardiac issue with consultant Anaesthetist

Has patient seen a cardiologist in past?  
(eg. last 5 years)

Consider discussion with patients own cardiologist for further possible investigation and management

NO

Is surgery elective?

If elective surgery - consider referring patient back to GP for further investigation and management  
If surgery is to be delayed: **MUST** discuss with surgical team

NO

Refer to Perioperative Cardiology Meeting

Thursday mornings Department of Cardiology Office 0730hr

AND

Complete Perioperative Cardiology MDT Referral Form

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