

Cork University Hospital Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic (RACPC) Referral Form



The aim of the RACPC is to rapidly and safely assess patients with recent onset angina suspected to be due to coronary artery disease. To ensure appropriate triage and timely review please fill out all sections of the form and adhere to the following referral criteria and guidelines. Patients with a high pre test probability of coronary artery disease should be started on antianginal therapy and a statin pending review in the RACPC.

Essential referral criteria - all criteria must be met

- Angina (two out of three criteria required for angina)
 - Constricting chest/shoulder/neck/jaw or arm discomfort
 - Precipitated by exertion or emotional distress
 - Relieved by rest or use of GTN in less than five minutes
- Symptom onset within the past three months
- Male aged >30 and Female >40

Exclusion Criteria

- Suspected valvular heart disease
- Palpitations
- Decompensated heart failure
- Significant anaemia
- Known coronary artery disease
- Uncontrolled hypertension or atrial fibrillation
- Suspected cardiac chest pain at rest

Patients not meeting the referral criteria will not be seen in the RACPC.

Patient Information

Name _____
Address _____
Date of Birth _____ / ____ / ____
Contact Number _____
MRN (If available) _____

Referrer Details

Name _____
Address _____
Contact Number _____
E-Mail address _____

Cardiovascular Risk Factor Profile

Hyperlipidaemia Hypertension Smoker (Current or Ex) Diabetes Family Hx CAD

Clinical History - Please describe the character and duration of the pain to ensure appropriate triage

Past Medical Hx

Medications

Guidance for non eligible patients

- Patients with suspected cardiac chest pain occurring at rest should be referred to the emergency department
- Patients known to a cardiologist should be referred to or discussed with their cardiologist
- Patients with suspected valvular heart disease should be referred to a cardiology clinic
- Patients with stable angina for more than three months should be referred to a cardiology clinic
- Patients with palpitations should be referred to a cardiology clinic
- For those patients not meeting the criteria for typical or atypical angina an alternative diagnosis should be sought

Referrals by Fax or Post to CUH Rapid access chest pain clinic, Level 3C, CRC Building, CUH, Wilton, Cork. Fax. (021) 4921352 Ph. (021) 4920877