

Dear Colleagues

It is our pleasure to share with you information about our re-designed cardiology ambulatory care model. The goal of the new model is to provide an optimum patient care experience, to optimize efficiency of care, and to provide access to evidence based testing pathways.

Key aspects of the cardiology clinic are:

a) Central Triage of All Consultations Requests

To simplify the administrative burden for referring physicians and to improve co-ordination among providers, we have established a central intake and triage for all new cardiology consultation and testing requests. This triage office will confirm appointments and serve as a single point of contact for cardiology related services for referring physicians and office staff.

b) Single Referral Form

The attached referral form for outpatient cardiology consultation and diagnostic testing (fillable PDF version) can be used to access all of the general cardiology and subspecialty clinics provided by the over 40 cardiologists that are part of the McMaster Division of Cardiology. Requests for diagnostic testing alone or in combination with consultation can also be made on this form. No other paperwork is required.

c) Doc of the Day

A member of the Cardiology Division will be available from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday for telephone consultation, advice, or to facilitate urgent evaluation of outpatients. They can be reached at 905 577 1414 / Fax: 905 577 8037.

d) Expansion

Infrastructure is in place for a mountain (Juravinski Hospital), West Hamilton (McMaster University Hospital) and Grimsby (West Lincoln Hospital) that will enable more convenient access for all patients across the Hamilton region. Opening dates to be determined.

e) Comprehensive Access

McMaster Cardiology provides unparalleled access to multiple subspecialty clinics, therapeutics and diagnostics. See the referral form for the complete list.

Please contact us should you have any questions,

Sincerely,



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