

NEW HEART FAILURE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

Incomplete forms will be rejected

NT-Pro BNP testing should ideally be undertaken when a patient is off diuretics/ACEi/ARB/B-blocker for >48hours

Referral guidance – screening questionnaire:

1) Does the patient have **recent onset of symptoms suggestive of heart failure** AND a **raised BNP > 400 in the last 8 weeks?**

- If raised BNP without symptoms of heart failure please do not refer

- If BNP < 400 or result not in the last 8 weeks please do not refer

2) Does the patient have a **known diagnosis of heart failure?**

- If yes please do not refer - contact parent team if concerns

- If diagnosed on community echo please refer via general cardiology

3) Has the patient had an echo in the last 12 months?

- If yes and known heart failure under a cardiologist please do not use this pathway - refer back to the responsible physician or via general cardiology if not known.

4) Is there a **more likely alternative diagnosis** that could explain this patient's symptoms?

- if yes – please consider other investigations prior to referral.

5) Is the referral **clinically appropriate?** For example – the patient is housebound/palliative/ has already been referred – **please do not refer.**

USING THIS REFERRAL FORM WILL RESULT IN BOOKING FOR ECHO (CHARGED AT DIRECT ACCESS TARIFF) & O/P REVIEW BY A CONSULTANT SPECIALIST WITHIN 6 WEEKS (PRIORITISED ON URGENCY)

Patient Information

Name: _____ DOB _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

GP name: _____ Practice address.: _____

SYMPTOMS

(double click box and select "ticked")

Shortness of breath on exertion YES

Orthopnea YES

PND YES

Peripheral oedema YES

Fatigue/ lethargy YES

Other?

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Previous MI YES

Angina YES

Hypertension YES

Valvular disease YES

AF YES

Pacemaker YES

Other?

Medication:

Examination
findings:

RESULTS

ECG, CXR and bloods not mandatory.

BNP is mandatory

If results from outside BHRUT they can also be attached to the electronic referral.

		Date
ECG:		
BNP: (mandatory)		
CXR		
LATEST BLOODS		