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Outreach Heart Failure Diagnostic Clinic Funded under COAG19(2)

Aim

The Outreach Heart Failure Diagnostic Clinic funded under COAG 19(2) aims to ensure patients identified at risk and/or having symptoms of heart failure have timely access to screening and diagnostic assessment including echocardiography (ECHO).

This clinic is a public private partnership model supported by A/Prof Andrew Roy, St Vincent's Private Network- Sydney/ Griffith, Cardiac Physiologist and MLHD Chronic Respiratory and Heart Failure Service.

Clinic dates will be scheduled by Roy Cardiology and general practices will be advised of dates and locations as available.

Referrals

Patients identified as requiring diagnostic echocardiography are to be referred to the MLHD Chronic Respiratory and Heart Failure Service by their General Practitioner (see email below). The service will coordinate and schedule appointments. Referrals received that are unsuitable will be returned to the GP with a recommendation of the appropriate pathway.

Patients may be referred to the clinic at any time. Cut off date for receipt of referral is 7 days prior to scheduled clinic, though early as possible is preferred.

Patient eligibility criteria

Patients with the below criteria will be prioritised for scheduled clinics:

- new clinical features suggestive of heart failure
- heart failure with recurrent admission
- valve lesions for investigation
- sub optimal/ complex heart failure management.

Host practice requirements:

- IT network specified with IT network contact provided prior to clinic.
- Two consult rooms, closely located where able.
- Where able, one room able to be darkened for performing ECHOs.
- Examination table/bed with adjustable height.
- Table/trolley beside exam table for ECHO machine.
- Alcohol wipes/ cleaning spray for cleaning exam/echo couch.

GP referral requirements:

- Referral letter with patient health summary.
- ECG.
- Recent pathology results (within three months): FBC, EUCs, NT Pro- BNP, TFT, Lipids, HbA1C and iron studies.
- Previous cardiac investigation reports

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