



Cardiology Rapid Assessment Clinic Referral Form

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Reason for Referral (check all that apply):

- Chest Pain
 Arrhythmia
 CHF
 Syncope
 Post MI

Priority Within 1 week Other Priority _____

Provide brief history

Referring Physician _____ Signature _____

Consulting Cardiologist _____

Date (ddmmyyyy) _____ Time (hhmm) _____ Department _____

Patient's Phone Number _____

Emergency department

Please fax the completed referral form to the patient booking office at 289-398-1060.

In-patient clinical units

Monday – Friday please contact the patient booking office at x46394 prior to the patient's discharge to arrange a timely out-patient appointment and fax the referral form to the patient booking office at 289-398-1060.

On weekends please fax the referral form to the patient booking office at 289-398-1060. As part of the discharge instructions please tell the patient that he/she will receive an appointment from the patient booking office.



Cardiology Rapid Assessment Clinic (CRAC)
PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

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What Will
Happen Next?

The Emergency Department has referred you to the Cardiac Rapid Assessment Clinic (CRAC) where you will be seen by a Cardiologist (Specialist in diseases of the heart and vascular system). You will be notified of your appointment within two business days. If you do not hear from the scheduling office please call 905-378-4647 extension 46394.

How To Get
to the Clinic?

The Cardiac Rapid Assessment Clinic is situated at the main floor of the St. Catharines Site on 1200 Fourth Avenue, just before getting to the main elevators. When you arrive for your appointment you will register at the Admitting/Registration area. Please bring all of your medications.

When to Return
to the ER?

If before your appointment you think you are getting worse, please return to the Emergency Department for reassessment. Important reasons to return to the ED or calling 911 can include worsening chest pain, palpitations, shortness of breath, or feeling unwell. Make sure you have discussed this and any other questions you have with the ER doctor or Nurse before you leave the ED.

After Your
Visit

After the consultation in the clinic, the Cardiologist may want to schedule you to have other testing, for example, an exercise stress test, an echocardiography study or a Holter monitoring study. If other testing is required, you will be notified by the CRAC scheduling office or the referring Cardiologist's office.

Family Doctors

Your family doctor is the best way to access medical care and acts as the central person in your overall healthcare. If you do not have a family doctor, we strongly advise you to get one. You can find help at www.niagaradocs.ca or by calling **Healthcare Connect Ontario at 1-800-445- 1822**. The city of St Catharines provides similar information on their website www.stcatharines.ca or by calling 905.359.6043.

Thank you

PLEASE GIVE TO THE PATIENT BEFORE DISCHARGE FROM ED