

CARDIOLOGY SERIES

GP Referrals to Secondary Care

Wednesday 29 June 2022

13.00 - 14.00

Chaired by Dr Nicola Flower, GP CPD Lead for West Wales

Overview

What a Cardiologist wants to see in a Cardiology Referral.

After nine months of my secondment leading the COVID Cardiology recovery project within Hywel Dda, I have never been in such a privileged vantage point to help me understand our strengths and weaknesses in delivering the optimal Cardiology outpatient service.

It is no surprise that the current COVID pandemic has posed a huge challenge to our regular outpatient Cardiology services. However it has also given us a prime opportunity to re-think and re-design what helps our patients make the most of the consultations. We have had a chance to review what worked well and what needed improvement and to learn how to make the most of the various community and in-hospital Cardiac services.

Good quality referrals from primary care are tremendously important to allow safe triage and prioritisation especially when out-patient resources are limited and particularly when most initial consultations are running in a virtual setting. A succinct referral with key points in the history and cardiac examination along with basic but important tests can make all the difference and allow prompt assessments in the best cardiac specialty clinic in a timely fashion.

We will go through common cardiac presentations and discuss the ideal information needed from your referrals to make the outpatient journey as seamless and beneficial as possible to our patients. We will demonstrate what works best through the use of some real case studies.

There has never been a more important time for primary and secondary care to work together as we emerge from the pandemic and getting our scheduled care right is a very important step in the right direction.

Time will be allocated to answer any questions that may arise.

Speaker: Dr Lena Izzat, Consultant Cardiologist and Atrial Fibrillation Lead, Hywel Dda UHB

Designed for: GPs. Other allied medical professionals are very welcome to attend.

Format: A presentation followed by the opportunity to direct questions to the expert speaker during the webinar.

This session will be recorded for quality improvement purposes, but you will be able to disable your camera during the session.