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THE CATHETER PATHWAY



When you meet your adult congenital cardiologist they may suggest that you need some more investigations and you should undergo a cardiac catheterisation. They will talk to you and your family about this, and the risks and benefits.

The pathway below tells you more about what happens when you have a cardiac catheter. Your team may first talk to you about this in your local clinic and then refer you to Bristol Heart Institute or University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff for certain procedures, (if you are from Wales) for specialist care.



You will receive a letter with a date for your admission and an invitation to attend the pre admission clinic.



Admission to the day case ward


You will be admitted to the day case ward to prepare for your procedure. The Cardiologist will come and discuss your procedure, bring a consent form and ask you to sign it. If you are having a general anaesthetic you will meet the anaesthetist to discuss this. Your family can wait with you until you go for your procedure. You will have your blood pressure, oxygen saturations and temperature measured. Further blood tests may be required.



CARDIAC WARD

Transfer to the cardiac ward

You may stay one night on the cardiac ward after your procedure. Your heart rate, blood pressure and wound may be observed. You may require another ECG (echocardiogram). If you have had a pacemaker you will have a pacemaker check before you leave. After you have been seen by the Doctor the following morning you are likely to be discharged. The Doctor will discuss the results of your tests with you before you go home.



Before you are discharged you will be given aftercare advice, a follow up plan and a copy of your discharge summary.

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