



CATHETER PATHWAY



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.

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.

The pathway below tells you



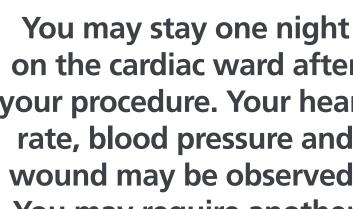
letter with a date for your admission and an invitation to attend the pre admission clinic.



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.



on the cardiac ward after your procedure. Your heart rate, blood pressure and

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Transfer to the

cardiac ward

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.



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