

Clinical Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) REFERRAL FOR VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE THERAPY OR CARDIAC TRANSPLANTATION

SETTING	Bristol Heart Institute
FOR STAFF	Consultant cardiologists, cardiac surgeons and intensivists in ACHD
FOR PATIENTS	Adult patients with congenital heart disease

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

Cardiac assist device implantation and cardiac transplantation services are not available at University Hospitals Bristol (UHB) and all patients being considered for these treatments will be referred to National Cardiac Transplantation centres. Guidance on the referral pathway for Extracorporeal mechanical support (ECMO) can be found in the SOP: Referral for extracorporeal membrane oxygenator (ECMO) support.

Referral process

If a patient is deemed to require referral for consideration of cardiac assist device or cardiac transplantation at one of the national cardiac transplant services, then there will be either:

- a discussion within the MDT meeting or
- an ad hoc bedside MDT meeting in the event of an urgent need.

Referral centre

Referral will be made in the usual way to the cardiac transplant team with consideration of individual patient needs. The patient's wishes will be respected but referral along the following principles will be considered:

- Papworth Hospital for simple or moderately complex patients with a systemic left ventricle
- Freeman Hospital, Newcastle for complex cases (systemic right ventricle or single ventricle)

Responsibility

- The patient's lead consultant will be responsible for the referral and subsequent contact with the patient and family
- For urgent referrals and in the event of the named consultant being absent, then the consultant of the week will take forward the referral process, copying in the lead consultant for the patient

Documentation

- All discussions, assessments and advice should be recorded on the electronic +/- paper patient record.
- All health professionals involved in the patient's care must be informed of the plans for referral, including those in the patient's local hospital, if appropriate.

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