Flow Chart: Patient pathway Direct GP Access Echocardiography Service

The echocardiography service is available to all adults (Patients aged >16 years) regardless of their GMS status (public or private patient) who also fulfil one or more of the criteria below.

One **routine** echocardiogram will be facilitated per Chronic Disease Management Programme GP registration visit for heart failure, where clinically indicated, and if they have not had an echocardiogram done in previous 12 months

One **routine** echocardiogram may be ordered in a **non-acute episode** for an individual who presents with symptoms and signs suggestive of heart failure and who has a NTproBNP result >400pg/ml.

OR

One **urgent** echocardiogram may be ordered in a **non-acute episode** for an individual who presents with symptoms and signs suggestive of heart failure and who has a NTproBNP result >2000pg/ml

One **routine** echocardiogram will be facilitated per Chronic Disease Management Programme GP registration visit for a new diagnosis of atrial fibrillation, where an echo has not been done in the previous 12 months

GP assessment shows patient fulfils criteria, GP feels echocardiography is clinically indicated for further investigation of heart failure or new diagnosis of atrial fibrillation

GP Refers: GP refers patient to the direct GP access echocardiography service in line with local protocol.

Cardiac Physiologist reviews & accepts the referral.

Diagnostic Administrative Staff arrange appointment and contacts the patients.

Diagnostic Administrative Staff provide patient information leaflet to the patient with the appointment letter.

Patient attends for echocardiogram.

Cardiac Physiologist performs echocardiogram

Echocardiogram is reviewed & reported in line with local policy

Finalised report is returned by **diagnostic administrative staff** to referring GP as per local protocol

Physiology manager or delegate returns the required metrics to the Office of the ECC on a monthly basis

Patient does not attend appointment x 1 / or cancels x 2

Diagnostic Administrative Staff documents patient did not attend or cancelled appointment x 2

Diagnostic Administrative Staff returns referral letter outlining, patient did not consent, DNA or cancelled x2 to GP

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