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REFERRAL CRITERIA for Integrated Community Chest Pain Clinic (ICCP)

Dear Dr/Drs'

We are pleased to inform you that the above clinic has received notification of continued funding and thank you for all of the support you have shown us.

The referral criteria are changing slightly to enable us to provide timely care as per risk stratification for those patients with suspected non-acute CHD.

Clinic Aim:

The aim of this clinic is to provide an alternate referral source for you as the GP to refer the patient with **NON-ACUTE chest pain symptoms suggestive of coronary heart disease** for specialist assessment as an alternative option to the Emergency Department.

Patients will be triaged as per ESC PTP guidelines and appointment time issued as per risk level. The previously utilised referral form is has been replaced by a letter of referral

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1. **The patient is \geq 25 years of age**
2. Please include in the referral letter
 - a. Presenting complaint with details including if exertional
 - b. **Cardiovascular risk factors** (recent bloods for lipids, renal , liver, TFTs)
 - c. If also complaining of '**shortness of breath/dyspnoea**' as a co-existing symptom please include a recent **NTP-proBNP level: access to ECHO is now severely limited**

Please note this is not a

- *post Covid-19 clinic OR Long Covid clinic*
- *post-ED assessment clinic (please re-review patient)*
- *heart failure clinic*
- *arrhythmia clinic*

Referral Process:

Healthlink: **TUH/CARDIOLOGY/FAO COMMUNITY CHEST PAIN CLINIC** and/or email cpintegratedcare@tuh.ie if you have any queries please contact us

Yours sincerely

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NB If you suspect acute coronary syndrome (ACS) please refer to ED