



CARDIOLOGY TELEMEDICINE QUICK REFERENCE PROTOCOL

Background

Telemedicine will be considered for follow-up appointments with the Cardiology specialist for all patients living at a distance from The Ottawa Hospital. Appointments will be offered to patients on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Cardiologist and based on patient's medical condition.

Clinic Schedule and Referral Process

Follow Up Appointments

- Appointments will be available during regular clinic days and will be scheduled for **30 minutes**
- The Cardiology specialist will identify patients returning to a distant community who would benefit from follow up via telemedicine.
- The Cardiology specialist will write a note in the patients' chart to indicate that follow up will be via telemedicine and patient has consented.

Patient Scheduling Process

Once confirmation received from TOH Telemedicine Staff of appointment booked,

The Patient Site Nurse will:

- Contact patient to confirm appointment time, duration, location and directions to their Telemedicine site.
- Patient must arrive 30 min prior to appointment start time in order to fill out appropriate paperwork.
- **Send patient for an ECG at your site**
- * If the ECG cannot be completed at your site please inform the TOH TM Scheduler as soon as possible.

Day of Appointment

Patient Site Nurse must:

- Prepare the Tele-Stethoscope and hand held camera
- Complete Standard Telemedicine Worksheet (includes VS, med list, allergies)
- FAX all documents prior to appointment

**If patient is late/ no show or any other issues-please call TOH Telemedicine Scheduler at
613-737-8899 ext 16605**