



## CARDIOLOGY TELEMEDICINE QUICK REFERENCE PROTOCOL

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### **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  
613-798-5555 ext 16605**