

CARDIAC CARE NETWORK



Submitting the Cath Referral Form

How to submit the form

Fax completed cath-referral form to the Regional Cardiac Care Coordinator at one of the following centres:

<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Fax Number</u>
Health Sciences North	705-671-5581
Hamilton Health Sciences Centre	905-527-1558
Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital	519-973-5584
Kingston General Hospital	613-548-2407
London Health Sciences Centre	519-663-3069
William Osler Health System	905-494-0280
Peterborough Regional Health Centre	705-876-5155
Rouge Valley Health System	416-281-7233
Saute Area Hospital	705-256-3491
Southlake Regional Health Centre	905-830-5802
St. Mary's General Hospital	519-749-6606
St. Michael's Hospital	416-864-5455
Sunnybrook	416-480-5892
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre	1-807-684-5902
Toronto East General	416-469-6177
Trillium Health Centre	905-848-7358
University Health Network	416-340-3788
University of Ottawa Heart Institute	613-761-4922

Do not fax the cath-referral form to the Provincial Office but directly to one of the contacts at a cardiac centre listed above.

The CCN registry for cath-lab services was inaugurated province-wide on April 1, 2000 and benefits of the expanded registry include:

- improved waiting-list management for patients;
- a smoother referral process for referring physicians;
- consolidation and improved organization of patient-management services for cardiac centres and staff;
- better information for government on health-system performance and needs.

The consistent use of the cath-referral form will help ensure that all necessary information is collected for the cath-lab patient registry, including the urgency rating score (URS) to aid in prioritizing patients. Having one provincial referral form for all centres will simplify the process across the province. (Note: A similar, but different, form is used in Hamilton and Ottawa.)

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Is the form mandatory?

Yes. As of April 1, 2000, cath referrals will not be processed by cath centres without a completed form, whether or not supplemental documentation is provided. Incomplete information may result in delays in processing the referral. A new referral form was distributed in July 2012. Previous versions of the form should be destroyed as they cannot be accepted by the registry.

Where to get the form?

A fill - able pdf form can be downloaded from the CCN website:

http://www.ccn.on.ca/ccn_public/FormsHealthCareProvider/resourcesforms.aspx

A copy of the new form has been faxed by CCN to all referring physicians and forwarded to hospital ICU/CCUs. The form should be saved and photocopied as needed.

If necessary, new originals of the form for photocopying can be requested from Regional Cardiac Care Coordinators in all cath centres. (Note: Physicians referring to Hamilton and Ottawa can obtain the correct form directly from those centres.)

Remember!

1. Indicate on all referrals for a cath procedure whether a consultation regarding subsequent management of patient care is required.
2. After submitting a referral, notify the cardiac centre of any change in the patient's condition.