

Division of Cardiology

Triage Category	Examples (not all inclusive)	Process	Facilitators	Standard Wait Time	Average Wait Time *
General Cardiology Emergent <i>(potentially immediately life threatening conditions)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute or suspected MI • Unstable angina with chest pain • Acute heart failure • SBE actual/suspected • Hemodynamically significant arrhythmias • Suspected aortic dissection • Suspected cardiac tamponade 	Call Triage Cardiologist 902-473-2220		Same day (Emergency)	No data
General Cardiology Urgent <i>(significant potential for early intervention to save life/prevent hospitalization or functional impairment)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crescendo angina • Symptomatic aortic stenosis • Multiple syncopal episodes • Syncopal episodes with known structural heart disease or abnormal ECG • Symptomatic valvular disease other than aortic stenosis (> FC II) • Newly diagnosed heart failure or known heart failure with deterioration • Cardiac disease in pregnancy 	Call Triage Cardiologist 902-473-2220 **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fax referral form with details to specific cardiologist (fax #'s on pages 4-5) • Indicate willingness to redirect to first available appt if desired • Attach EKG, recent blood work or other relevant tests. 	1 week	1.8 weeks
General Cardiology Semi-Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent onset but stable angina • Patients needing cardiac assessment for semi-urgent non cardiac surgery • Recent onset atrial fibrillation • Suspected cardiac source of an embolus 	Fax referral form to 902-425-3768 **	As above	4 weeks	5.5 weeks
General Cardiology Non-Urgent <i>(stable patients with known or suspected cardiac conditions where rapid deterioration is unlikely. Reassessment of stable patients requiring review of current treatment where appropriate.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable angina • Chest pain for diagnosis - low probability of IHD • Shortness of breath / Cardiac basis • Chronic atrial fibrillation • Palpitations • A person whose employment status is threatened • Asymptomatic murmur • Asymptomatic patients with ECG changes • Asymptomatic valvular disease • Hyperlipidemia 	Fax referral form to cardiologist of choice (fax #'s on pages 4-5)	As above	6 weeks	18.1 weeks

* As of September 30, 2015

** Updated November 17, 2015

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Cardiac Arrhythmia/ Electrophysiology Emergent		Call Triage Cardiologist 902-473-2220		Same day (Emergency)	No data
Cardiac Arrhythmia/ Electrophysiology Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resuscitated cardiac arrest, arrhythmia with severe symptoms 	<p>Call Triage Cardiologist 902-473-2220 or Call electrophysiologist of choice (see pages 4-5);</p> <p>In most cases these patients will be under specialist care;</p> <p>Fax completed referral form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrophysiology referrals should come from an internist or general cardiologist. Other referrals should be sent to a general cardiologist / internist. Fax referral form with relevant clinical tests to specific physician (fax #'s on pages 4-5); Indicate willingness to redirect to first available if desired 	3 days	14.1 days
Cardiac Arrhythmia/ Electrophysiology Semi-Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with syncope and structural heart disease (e.g. Ejection fracture less than 40%, bundle branch block, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, congenital heart disease, family history of sudden cardiac death or inherited heart disease) or primary arrhythmic conditions that could be associated with a risk of significant morbidity or mortality. Patients referred for consideration of implantable cardioverter defibrillator (primary prevention) and/or a cardiac resynchronization therapy device 	Fax referral form to electrophysiologist of choice (fax #'s on pages 4-5)	As above	4 weeks	7.5 weeks
Cardiac Arrhythmia/ Electrophysiology Non-Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients electively referred for an electrophysiologist's opinion (e.g. supraventricular tachycardia, syncope without structural heart disease or other medical conditions). Most of these patients will be under a specialist's care. 	Fax referral form to electrophysiologist of choice (fax #'s on pages 4-5)	As above	13 weeks	21.3 weeks

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Cardiac Rehab Semi-Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets high risk stratification criteria Clinical depression Non-revascularization cardiac disease Significant Anxiety Financial hardship (e.g. return to work commitments) 	<p>Patients are automatically referred to Program upon discharge from Cardiology inpatient units or by referral from family physician/specialist or by referral from Health Professionals directly involved with patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call 902-473-3846 to request referral form; Fax referral form 902-473-7855 or mail to: Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Health in Motion Nova Scotia Rehab Centre, Room 623 1341 Summer Street, Halifax, NS B3H 4K4 	1 week	2.2 weeks
Cardiac Rehab Scheduled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low to moderate risk cardiac patients 		4 weeks	3.9 weeks

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Institution based cardiologists

Cardiologist	Special Interest	Telephone #	Address	Fax #
Dr. Amir AbdelWahab	Electrophysiology	902-473-5023	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2501E, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Iqbal Bata	Clinical	902-473-8623	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2144, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Hussein Beydoun	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-2184	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Jafna Cox	Research (no outpatients)	902-473-7811	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2147, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Richard Crowell	Clinical	902-473-3940	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896G, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Helen Curran	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-6364	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2144, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. John Finley	Pediatric Cardiologist / Adult Congenital Heart Disease Clinic	902-473-4051	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Martin Gardner	Arrhythmia ONLY	902-473-2187	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2501A, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Nicholas Giacomantonio	Clinical	902-473-3815	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2132, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Chris Gray	Arrhythmia ONLY	902-473-4907	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2501, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Doug Hayami	Clinical	902-473-8913	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Gabrielle Horne	Research/Clinical	902-473-6815	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Simon Jackson	Clinical / Heart Function Adult Congenital / Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy	902-473-6608	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2144, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Catherine Kells	Interventional / Adult Congenital / Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy / Clinical	902-473-6540	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2133, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Bakhtiar Kidwai	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-4153	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Chris Koilpillai	Clinical	902-473-4127	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2144, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Tony Lee	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-2292	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Richard Lodge	Clinical	902-473-7990	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Michael Love	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-5572	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Nancy L. MacDonald	Clinical	902-473-4941	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2111, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. S. Najaf Nadeem	Interventional / Adult Congenital / Trans Aortic Valve Implantation / Clinical	902-473-5769	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Ratika Parkash	Arrhythmia ONLY	902-473-4474	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2501D, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768

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Dr. Ata Quraishi	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-3340	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896A, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Miroslaw Rajda	Clinical / Heart Function	902-473-8913	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Sarah Ramer	Clinical	902-473-2682	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. John Sapp	Arrhythmia ONLY	902-473-4272	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2501F, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. William Sheridan	Clinical	902-473-7400	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2101, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Robbie Stewart	Clinical	902-473-7871	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2146, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Kim Styles	Clinical	902-473-2627	1796 Summer St., Rm. 2105, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768
Dr. Lawrence Title	Interventional / Clinical	902-473-8470	1796 Summer St., Rm. 6896, Halifax, NS B3H 3A7	902-425-3768

All fax numbers above changed to 902-425-3768 on November 17, 2015

Community based cardiologists

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Dr. Paul Mears	Echo / Clinical	902-460-4536	Room 220 Dartmouth General Hospital, 325 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4G8	902-460-4154
Dr. Evan Merrick	Clinical	902-422-1700	Suite 103 - 6009 Quinpool Rd Halifax, NS B3K 5J7	902-422-1703
Dr. Jason Yung	Echo / Clinical	902-460-4536	Room 211 Dartmouth General Hospital, 325 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4G8	902-460-4154