

PATIENT INFORMATION **CARDIAC NAVIGATION CLINIC**

WHAT IS THE CARDIAC NAVIGATION CLINIC? You have been referred to the clinic because your doctor believes your medical condition needs to be assessed and reviewed by a cardiologist. When your referral is received at the clinic, the information will be reviewed by a registered nurse (RN) and a cardiologist, in order to quickly and efficiently ‘navigate’ you to be seen. As well, additional testing may be ordered prior to your appointment.

WHAT IS A CARDIOLOGIST? Doctors of cardiology are specialists dealing with disorders of the heart and blood vessels. The doctor who referred you to the Cardiac Navigation Clinic believes that a cardiologist will be able to assist in your diagnosis and treatment.

WHEN WILL YOU GO?

You will generally be contacted by either the Cardiac Navigation Clinic or one of the referral clinics within approximately 5 business days. The clinic RN may contact you to review your medical history or to discuss the details of your appointment with a cardiologist. If you have not been contacted about your referral within that time, you may call the Cardiac Navigation Clinic at **403-94-HEART** (403-944-3278), Monday- Friday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

WHERE WILL YOU GO?

There are a variety of sites where cardiologists practice. The location of your appointment will depend on the reason you have been referred, and the urgency of your condition. The different locations are listed on the reverse of this page.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The cardiologist and your family doctor are partners in your care. The cardiologist will **not** take over complete care from your own doctor. The cardiologist will work together with your own doctor to:

- ♥ act as a consultant
- ♥ report his/her opinion to your family/referring doctor
- ♥ arrange necessary testing
- ♥ offer suggestions for managing your medical condition **or**
- ♥ assume management for this problem

The cardiologist will send a detailed letter to your family doctor. The letter will include:

- ♥ information about your visit
- ♥ results of any tests or procedures
- ♥ suggestions for your care

The cardiologist may request to see you more than once and may arrange for further testing.

If you do not have a family doctor, the Cardiac Navigation Clinic will supply you with a list of doctors within the area who are accepting new patients. A list of these doctors can also be accessed at the Calgary Health Region’s website at: www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/doctor

For 24 hour nurse advice and health information, call Calgary Health Link at: (403) 94-LINK (5465) in the Calgary area or 1-866-408-LINK. For further educational information go to: <http://www.libin.ucalgary.ca/education/patient.php>

**IF YOUR SYMPTOMS WORSEN OR YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR CONDITION,
CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR CALL 911**

You will be contacted by telephone and offered an appointment to be seen at one of the following locations for your cardiology appointment. Please **bring all your medications and your Alberta Health Card** with you to the appointment.

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please let us know so the appointment may be offered to another patient.

RAPID ACCESS CHEST PAIN CLINIC and CARDIOLOGY CONSULTANTS

403-781-4732

803 -1st Avenue NE
Calgary, Alberta

If you have any questions before your appointment please feel free to call us at 403-781-4732. If you get the answering machine then leave you name and number and we will call you back as soon as possible. Limited on-site parking as well as street parking is available.

CALGARY HEART CENTRE

403-521-2227

Suite 403 – TRW Building
3280 Hospital Dr., N.W.
Calgary, Alberta

Located at the Foothills Medical Centre Site. Parking available at the TRW Building.

- Go past the Health Sciences Centre towards the new glass buildings
- This is the U of C Health Research Innovation Center – TRW Building
- Parking is on the lower level beneath the building; entrance to underground parkade is on the right side (sign says MFM parking)
- Keep parking pass with you to pay in building
- Take parking elevator to ground floor - **switch elevator**
- Go to the 4th floor – Suite 403

CARDIAC NAVIGATION URGENT ASSESSMENT CLINIC

403-944-3278

Rockyview General Hospital
7007 14 Street, S.W.
Calgary, Alberta

Located at the Rockyview General Hospital in the Cardiovascular Lab area located on the 3rd floor.
Paid parking available.

CARDIAC TESTING SITES

Northwest Diagnostics
702 South Tower
3031 Hospital Dr. NW
Calgary, Alberta
403-270-3192

Cardiology Plus
103 – 803 1st Ave. NE
Calgary, Alberta
403-571-8640