REFERRAL GUIDELINES: CARDIO THORACIC SURGERY

**Demographic**
- Date of birth
- Contact details (including mobile phone)
- Referring GP details
- Interpreter requirements
- Medicare number

**Clinical**
- Reason for referral
- Duration of symptoms
- Relevant pathology & imaging reports
- Past medical history
- Current medications

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**The Alfred Outpatient Referral Form** is available to print and fax to the Outpatient Department on 9076 6938

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**Exclusion Criteria**

- Patients who are being treated for the same condition at another Victorian public hospital
- Children under 18 years of age are not seen at The Alfred

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Some clinics offer an MBS-billed service. **There is no out of pocket expense to the patient.** MBS-billed services require a current referral to a named specialist—please provide your patient with a 12 month referral addressed to the specialist of your choice.

**Please note:** The times to assessment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department.

If you are concerned about the delay of the outpatient appointment or if there is any deterioration in the patient’s condition, please contact the Cardiothoracic Registrar on call on 9076 2000.