

Cardiac Care Unit – Cardiac Monitoring of COVID/ SCOVID patients in CCU



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Guidelines for Management of Cardiac Monitoring of COVID/ SCOVID patients in CCU

This QRG is intended as a guide for Medical and Nursing teams to confirm the process for cardiac monitoring of COVID/ SCOVID patients in CCU

COVID positive patients:

ED and Ward Units making referrals requesting cardiac monitoring for COVID positive patients will contact the Cardiologist-on-call for ward service (please note this is not the STEMI on call Cardiologist).

The ward service Cardiologist-on-call can be contacted via switch (including after hours).

The Cardiologist-on-call will discuss the appropriateness of cardiac monitoring for a COVID positive patient based on their clinical condition.

Requirements for cardiac monitoring and treatment plan are to be clearly documented in the EMR.

Patients requiring cardiac monitoring – should be admitted into a cardiac-monitored bed with regular clinical reviews to reassess monitoring requirements.

- Ensure the Access team are contacted to consider appropriate placement on a COVID ward or transfer if required
- Consider access to a HDU bed in ICU for continuation of cardiac monitoring in COVID area
- Consider transfer to another health service to facilitate cardiac monitoring in a COVID ward
- Remain in CCU if other options are unavailable in single room with door closed with McMonty Hood, Air Purifier and Bathroom exhaust fan in use
- Move to COVID ward as soon as cardiac monitoring is ceased

Patients not requiring cardiac monitoring – can be moved to, or remain on, a COVID ward.

SCOVID patients:

Cardiology patients requiring cardiac monitoring can be admitted to CCU with SCOVID precautions after discussion with Cardiology Registrar on call.

Non Cardiology SCOVID patients, with a request for cardiac monitoring, are to be discussed with the Cardiologist-on-call for ward service.

If a SCOVID patient on CCU returns a positive COVID result revise monitoring requirements with Ward Service Cardiologist, as above and contact the Access team to discuss transfer.