

Pulmonary Diagnostics: Urgent Referral Pathway

Site Applicability

St. Paul's Hospital (SPH)
Mount Saint Joseph Hospital (MSJ)

Practice Level

Clerk

Requirements

- Urgent diagnostic testing may be required in certain circumstances in order to determine the
 next steps for appropriate therapy and management. The Pulmonary Function Lab will make
 every effort to accommodate valid requests for urgent pulmonary diagnostic testing.
- The Urgent Referral Pathway has been developed in collaboration with the Clinic Manager of the Pacific Lung Health Centre (PLHC) as a service standard guideline for the PLHC and Pulmonary Diagnostics staff responsible for patient scheduling.

Algorithms

Pathway:

Referral for urgent diagnostic test received (i.e. Referring physician requesting test prior to next available appointment)

Attempt to accommodate request by simple schedule manipulation (i.e. Shifting 1 to 2 appointment slots up or down by 15 minutes); if unsuccessful, proceed to next step

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Contact Pulmonary Diagnostics Lab clerical team (ext. 62080) to check if any "urgent" testing appointments are available; if unsuccessful, proceed to next step

Forward referral to PLHC clinic manager by phone (ext. 69621)

PLHC clinic manager to contact pulmonary diagnostics coordinator (ext. 62082) to book appointment (this will be done on a case by case basis). If pulmonary diagnostics coordinator is unavailable; contact Respiratory Services Professional Practice Leader (ext. 68043)

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