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What is the purpose of the Rapid Access AF clinic (RAAFC)

- Why
 - What
 - Where
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WHY

- ▶ The identification of AF patients
- ▶ Symptomatic Patients
- ▶ The different types of AF
- ▶ Early identification of stroke risks
- ▶ Rate vs rhythm methods
- ▶ Nurse Led cardioversion service
- ▶ Review of patients
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Ongoing support

Reference Arrhythmia alliance



How

When developing RAAFC clinic it is important to canvass your local emergency department as the majority of referrals will be through the ED department

Development of a pathway jointly approved by all stake holders including the leads in ED

Identification of needs, space speciality, NMP alongside clinical physical assessment skills

Approval and cost effectiveness

Clinic space/clinical areas

Type of clinics



What

- ▶ A support network for patients
- ▶ Reduces admission to Ed
- ▶ Reduces anxiety
- ▶ Provide quick effective management
- ▶ reduce rate and symptoms control
- ▶ Early Stroke risk evaluation
- ▶ Reduces length of stay
- ▶ Identifies high risk patients
- ▶ Identifying the need for investigations
- ▶ Direct referrals to other relevant teams



Thank you

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