

Date:	July 30, 2020
To:	Chief Operating Officers; Health Service Administrators; Medical Directors; NH physicians; Emergency Department Managers; Directors of Care; Patient Care Coordinators; Executive Lead, Emergency, Trauma & Transfer Services; Executive Lead, Critical Care Program; Divisions of Family Practice; and Patient Transfer Network (PTN)
From:	Dr. Ronald Chapman, VP Medicine
Re:	UHNBC Pacemaker Program Limited Coverage (July 31 - August 23, 2020)

The UHNBC pacemaker program will have limited coverage starting **July 31 until August 23, 2020**. There will be pacemaker implant coverage available at UHNBC on August 12, 2020. **The memo provides direction for Northern Health pacemaker referrals during this time period.**

For Emergent Inpatient Pacemaker Referrals (unstable, high risk or need a temporary pacemaker)

- **Patients admitted between (July 31 and August 9) or (August 12 and August 23)** shall be transferred to a tertiary facility outside Northern Health for permanent pacemaker placement. Some unstable patients requiring temporary pacemaker may need to be transferred to ICU in Northern Health before they can be transferred safely to other facilities.
- **Patients admitted on August 10 or August 11** can be transferred to UHNBC for Permanent pacemaker placement. Please contact the on-call intensivist or Internal Medicine through the Patient Transfer Network to arrange transfers to UHNBC.

For Urgent (stable) Inpatient and outpatient Pacemaker Referrals

- **Patients admitted between July 31 and Aug 7 or Aug 12 to Aug 18** shall be transferred to a tertiary facility outside Northern Health especially if the wait would exceed 5 days.
- **Patients admitted between August 8 and August 11** can be transferred to UHNBC for permanent pacemaker implant. Please direct referrals to the NH Cardiac Triage Coordinator.
- **All outpatient pacemaker referrals during this time period** shall continue to be directed to the NH Cardiac Triage Coordinator.
- Please send pacemaker referral to the NH Cardiac Triage Coordinator (**Fax: 250-645-6315**) using the [Cardiac Implantable Device Request Form](https://bit.ly/3fe9vpS) available on the Physician website: <https://bit.ly/3fe9vpS>

Note: Please don't transfer any patients from other facilities to UHNBC for pacemaker implants unless there is very high likelihood the procedure will be done on August 12th or after August 23rd.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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