



## WRHA CARDIAC SCIENCES PROGRAM

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Dear colleagues:

This letter is to update you on new improvements in the WRHA Cardiac Sciences Catheterization Lab:

### **New eReferral Cardiac Catheterization Lab Referral Form**

The Province of Manitoba has introduced electronic referral for consults in selected areas of health care through the eReferral & Consultation program. The Cardiac Sciences Program is developing an electronic referral for **outpatient catheterization procedures**. The goal of this process is to standardize and simplify the referral process in order to optimize patient care. It is hoped that this new system of referral for elective catheterization procedures will be simple and efficient. Physicians who have referred patients on a regular basis have been contacted in fall 2012 to start the process. The eReferral form will be identical to the paper version.

### **Glycated hemoglobin (Hemoglobin A1C)**

The Canadian Diabetes Association has recently identified that a glycated hemoglobin (A1C) greater than 6.5% can be used to diagnose diabetes. In addition, the Canadian Diabetes Association recommends optimizing blood sugars to achieve an A1C less than 7% to minimize the risk of diabetes related complications. It is now routine standard of care in the WRHA Cardiac Sciences Program to screen all patients undergoing a coronary angiogram for diabetes by measuring an A1C. Patients referred after **January 14, 2013** will require an A1C.

### **Cardiac Catheterization Order Sets**

The order sets have once again been updated and will be reviewed on a semi-annual basis going forward. Please review the orders in detail and ensure that your departments are using the most current. Sections that have been updated include the hydration orders, pre-procedure diabetic orders, anticoagulant orders, and the post-angioplasty eptifibatide orders. The updated order sets will be available **January 28, 2013** and can be obtained from our website at [www.cardiacsciences.mb.ca](http://www.cardiacsciences.mb.ca).

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