

Specialty: Cardiology

CURRENT WAITING TIMES Bay of Plenty District Health Board:

- A threshold for FSA referral acceptance has been set to assist with MOH waiting time compliance. Referrals graded priority 4 will be returned to GP care at point of referral.
- For those patients who are not able to be accepted for FSA, Virtual Clinics are now in operation. This allows the Cardiologists to give written advice to GPs to progress patient care without having an actual FSA.

CARDIOLOGY TAURANGA

| FIRST SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS | Wait Times |
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| Waiting priority 1 | Next available clinic |
| Waiting priority 2 | Up to 8 weeks |
| Waiting priority 2A | Up to 3 months |
| Waiting priority 3 | Up to 6 months |
| Waiting priority 4 | Not accepted |

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| FIRST SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS | Wait Times |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Waiting priority 1 | Next available clinic |
| Waiting priority 2 | Up to 8 weeks |
| Waiting priority 2A | Up to 3 months |
| Waiting priority 3 | Up to 4 months |
| Waiting priority 4 | Not accepted |