

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.
- Letters are sent to all patients waiting > 4 months to confirm contact details and whether they still require an appointment.

CARDIOLOGY TAURANGA

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

CARDIOLOGY WHAKATANE

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Waiting priority 1	Next available clinic
Waiting priority 2	Up to 4 weeks
Waiting priority 3	Up to 4 months
Waiting priority 4	Not accepted