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STANDARD GUIDELINE SUBJECT:

Chest Pain Care Map - New Onset for Inpatients in Regional Centres Guideline.

PURPOSE:

To ensure that inpatients at regional centres experiencing new onset chest pain receive timely evidenced-based assessments and interventions.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Responses to inpatients experiencing new onset of chest pain or when chest pain differs from the patient's usual chronic chest pain experience are time-sensitive. These require:

- Early differential diagnosis,
- Symptom management,
- Timely interventions consistent with the diagnosis,
- Non-regional centres will access the Acute Coronary Syndrome Guideline (CLI.5110.SG.004)

PROCEDURE:

1. When an inpatient complains of new onset chest pain, or when chest pain differs from the patient's usual chronic chest pain experience, follow the Chest Pain Care Map: New Onset for Inpatients in Regional Centres
2. Use provided cues within the care map to inform decision making.
3. Apply clinical judgment to all actions.
4. Access and transcribe physician orders.
5. Patient disposition is contingent upon the differential diagnosis. Support/facilitate a transfer if ordered.
6. Document all assessments and interventions on the *Vital Signs Sheet* and *Medication Administration Record (MAR)*
7. Evaluation:
 - Complete chart audits in May and November, using the Chest Pain Care Map: New Onset for Inpatients in Regional Centres Audit Tool
 - Review audit results to inform quality improvement plans.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- [CLI.4510.SG.004.FORM.01](#) Chest Pain Care Map: New Onset for Inpatients in Regional Centres
[CLI.4510.SG.004.FORM.02](#) Chest Pain Care Map: New Onset for Inpatients in Regional Centres Audit Tool

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