

Pietermaritzburg Department of Internal Medicine

Treating Adult Patients with Medical Conditions

CARDIAC UNIT

Criteria for admission to Cardiac Beds

Ward D1

1. FROM CCU:

Ideally all primary cardiac patients should be transferred from CCU to a cardiac ward.

NB. This excluded patients whose primary problem is not cardiac (eg DIC with septic shock; ARDS; post partum pulmonary problems etc.)

2. FROM ANOTHER WARD:

(Applies to other medical/surgical/gynae etc)
Should be via cardiology registrar at his discretion

3. FROM OUTPATIENTS/CASUALTY:

1. Patients with cardiac “emergency” (eg ACS) who cannot be accommodated in CCU for lack of beds
2. Patients with angina/unstable angina
3. Valvular heart disease with cardiac failure GR IV
4. Patients with arrhythmias for control
5. Intractable heart failure due to eg CMO, who has needed 1 admission/month for control
6. Patients ex Cardiac Clinic.