GP LETTER - Accelerated Diagnostic Protocol

Date: __/__/__

Affix Patient Label Here

Patient Surname

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Patient Given Names

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UR Number

Dear Dr________________________

Thank you for your follow-up of the above patient who presented today to The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) with chest pain for which a cardiac cause could not be excluded.

Risk stratification using an accelerated diagnostic protocol incorporating a 2hr Troponin was undertaken and the patient was considered to be of low-intermediate risk for acute coronary syndrome.

As the troponin I level taken 2 hours after arrival was negative, the risk of a major adverse cardiac event within 30 days is considered to be less than 1%. However, an early outpatient follow-up investigation, usually exercise stress test (EST), is recommended.

If you would like to access follow-up investigation via TPCH, we have provided the patient with a request form for outpatient provocative testing (EST) with our TPCH cardiac sciences unit (CSU). Please complete the GP details at the bottom of the form and fax it through. The patient should receive an appointment for EST within 2 weeks. The test will be completed within 6-8 weeks. The results of their EST will then be forwarded to you.

The patient has received an information sheet with advice about what to do if they have recurrent chest pain while awaiting completion of their outpatient investigations. Thank you for your ongoing care.

Yours sincerely,

DEM Medical Officer