

(GPs, please give this information to the patient and check you have their daytime telephone number)

Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic

Patient information

You have been referred to the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic for an **URGENT** appointment for investigation. You will be contacted by the Referral Management Service with a time and date and details of which hospital to attend. This will be either University Hospital Crosshouse or University Hospital Ayr.

Please give your current telephone/ mobile number to the GP/ receptionist as you will be contacted with an URGENT appointment within the next two weeks.

What is the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic?

The Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic (RACPC) is a specialist clinic to assess people who have had symptoms of chest pain relieved by GTN spray. However, if you feel at any time that you have crushing pain or symptoms of a heart attack, please dial 999.

What should I bring to the clinic?

- A list of your current medication.
- Wear comfortable clothing such as a t-shirt or blouse and trousers, and flat shoes.

What happens at the clinic?

- You will first attend the Cardiology Department for an exercise tolerance test (ETT). You will be asked to carry out a short test on a treadmill while wearing a heart monitor. This will test your heart's tolerance to exercise.
- From the Cardiology Department you will be directed to the RACPC room.
- A doctor or nurse who specialises in cardiac medicine will see you and carry out an examination.
- We will give you the results of the test and recommended a course of action which may include further investigation.


How long will it take?

Your appointment will usually last around one hour. Please try to arrive ten minutes early, if possible..

What do I do if I can't attend?


Please telephone the Referral Management Service office on 01563 827070. The office is open from 8.30am until 7.30pm every weekday.

Please turn over for a map of each hospital's RACPC, which you may find useful.

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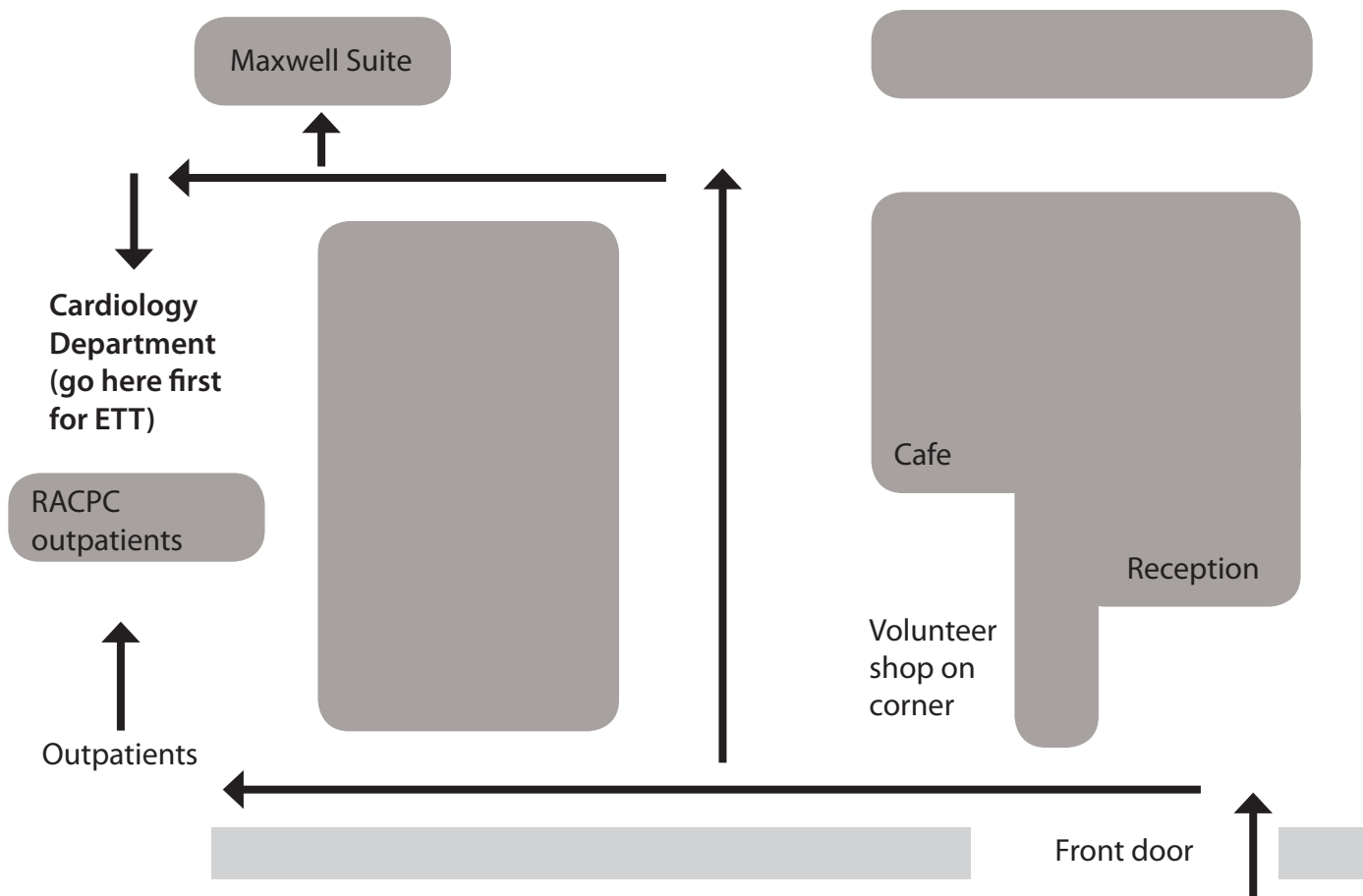
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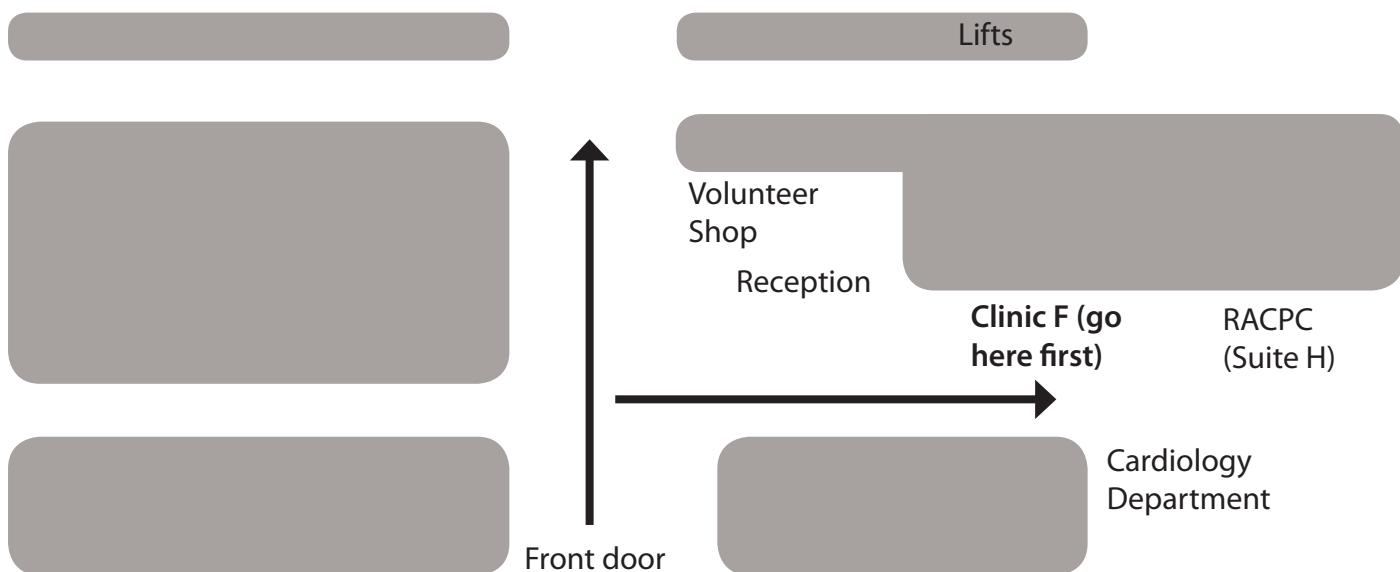


University Hospital Crosshouse



- Go to the Cardiology Department first for your ETT (or follow the instructions in your letter).
- After your ETT, staff will direct you to the RACPC (this could be in the Outpatients Department or in the Maxwell Suite).

University Hospital Ayr



- Go to the reception in Clinic F first (or follow the instructions in your letter).
- You will then go to the RACPC (Suite H) for your ETT. Staff will direct you where to go.