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# Your guide to Cardiology Consultants here at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital

This leaflet is for all patients under the care of Cardiology doctors.  
It will help you recognise the consultant who leads the team delivering your care.

# **hello** my name is...



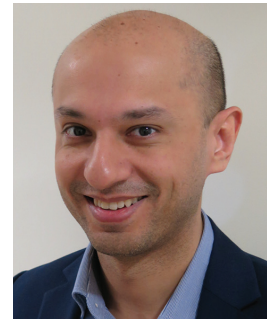
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## What are the Cardiology Services at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital?

### General cardiology

This involves the specialist treatment of all patients with cardiac disease. All our consultants care for patients with general cardiology problems.

If a patient has a particularly complicated problem, or if they need a specialist procedure, then they may be seen by a consultant in one of the following areas:

**Coronary Intervention** is the treatment of blockages in the coronary arteries using balloons to dilate and then stents to hold the artery open.

**Cardiac Electrophysiology** doctors specialise in the management of patients with difficult to control or complicated heart rhythm abnormalities, and in the use of specialist (ablation) procedures to treat heart rhythm problems.

**Cardiac devices and pacing** doctors specialise in the care of patients who have or need a pacemaker or Internal Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) device.

**Heart failure** is a complicated medical condition characterised by poor heart pumping function. Cardiologists with a special interest in heart failure lead the service for heart failure patients and manage those with difficult to treat symptoms.

**Cardiac imaging** specialists work closely with radiologists within the hospital to provide the latest cardiac imaging (Echo, CT and MRI). This means we get a very clear picture of your condition and can decide the best treatment for you.

### How will I find out who my consultant is?

At the point at which your care is taken over by the cardiac team, you will be informed who your consultant is.

Often you will be seen by a number of consultants during a stay in hospital. If you are unsure of which one is in charge of your care, the best way to find this out is to ask the doctor when they come to see you each day. If you have a procedure, often your care will then be taken over by the consultant who performed the procedure.

### A brief guide to the cardiology doctors who will be looking after you during your stay in hospital

Consultants are fully trained specialists, often with a specific area of interest. They have overall responsibility for the care you get.

Although your consultant will oversee and guide your care, it is often the doctors in their team who you will see on a daily basis. These doctors, who are training and learning as well as caring for you, work to arrange scans, organise treatments and keep you safe during your time in hospital. They are the first port of call when the nurses are concerned about a patient.

### F1, F2 and Core Medical Trainee (CMT)

doctors are in their first few years and are a vital part of delivering good care for inpatients. They work in teams and are supported by the consultants in charge of the patient's care.

**Speciality Registrars and Clinical Fellows** are more senior doctors who have chosen to become Cardiology specialists and are developing the detailed knowledge, experience and skills required for that role.

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If you have any queries or concerns about your care at the Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) would be happy to help you and can be contacted on **01202 704886/704301** or **pals@rbch.nhs.uk**.

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