

# Clinical Guidance

## Preoperative management of Bradyarrhythmias and Heart block in patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery

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## **1.0 Introduction**

This guideline has been developed to help clinical staff (doctors and nurses) working in the Anaesthetic Central Preoperative Assessment Clinic (CPOAC) and Perioperative medicine for Older People undergoing Surgery (POPS) clinic optimise patients with bradyarrhythmias and heart block for non-cardiac surgery.

## **2.0 Scope**

The authors acknowledge the importance of making individualised patient management decisions based on several patient, surgical and anaesthetic factors.

The guideline algorithm provides a systematic approach to preoperative workup for this group of patients, and advocates shared decision making with appropriate involvement of cardiac, POPS and anaesthetic specialist teams based on the needs of the patient.

## **3.0 Contact details**

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## **4.0 Abbreviations**

CPOAC: Central Preoperative Assessment Clinic, Department of Anaesthesia

POPS: Perioperative medicine for Older People undergoing Surgery

LBBB: Left bundle branch block

RBBB: Right bundle branch block

CHB: Complete heart block

SOB: Shortness of breath

MDM: Multi-disciplinary meeting

F2F: Face to face clinic

ACU: Assisted conception unit

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