

March 25, 2020

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arrhythmia referrals**

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Dear

This letter confirms that you have been placed on the waiting list for an electrophysiology and ablation procedure. Your level of priority is based on your condition as determined by your electrophysiologist and will be used to decide the scheduling of your procedure.

As you are aware, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified COVID-19 as a pandemic. As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve locally, Ottawa area hospitals are taking further action to ensure the health and safety of patients, families and our workforce. In-line with guidance from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute has postponed non-urgent surgeries, procedures, and outpatient programming and clinics.

Hospitals are always here to care for patients, and are working together to find solutions to protect safety, while continuing to provide excellent care.

Reducing activity in operating rooms and other areas of the hospital allows the hospitals to be ready to take on potential COVID-19 cases, as the situation continues to evolve. Hospitals in the Ottawa area are also stepping up their infection prevention and control to help reduce the possible spread of COVID-19.

**Your procedure is being postponed until the pandemic restrictions are lifted. During this time it is important to keep in touch with your family doctor and cardiologist. You should contact them directly if you have any change of symptoms or any other concerns about your medical condition.**

Please know that we at the Heart Institute are here to support you during this time and understand how stressful this situation is.

Sincerely,

Dr Thierry Mesana  
President, CEO  
University of Ottawa Heart Institute