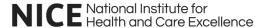
Heart valve disease: referral



Adult with a heart murmur and suspected valve disease (because of the nature of the murmur, family history, age or medical history) Referral for echocardiography Offer an echocardiogram if: Consider an echocardiogram if there are no • signs (peripheral oedema) or symptoms other signs or symptoms (angina or breathlessness) of heart failure, or an abnormal ECG. or • an ejection systolic murmur with a reduced second heart sound Advise that mild disease seldom causes symptoms but to seek review if symptoms or signs of progression develop Referral for specialist assessment Offer specialist assessment for: Offer urgent (ideally within 4 weeks) • moderate or severe valve disease of any type specialist assessment or an urgent • bicuspid aortic valve disease of any severity echocardiogram if a systolic murmur and • mitral valve prolapse with documented ventricular arrhythmia exertional syncope Consider urgent (ideally within 4 weeks) specialist assessment if severe symptoms (angina or breathlessness on minimal exertion or at rest)