Care Pathway for Breathlessness

**BREATHLESSNESS**
- Acute
- Chronic Persistent
- Paroxysmal

**Investigations**
- Investigations for non-arrhythmic causes of breathlessness
- Respiratory
- Cardiac (ischemia, cardiac dysfunction (myocardial, pericardial, valvular))
- Cardio-respiratory (pulmonary thromboembolism)
- Metabolic
- Arrhythmia documentation
  - ECG
  - Holter monitoring
  - Event recorders
  - Implantable recorders
- Assessment of arrhythmic substrate & risk
  - ECG
  - Echocardiography
  - Coronary angiography
  - Cardiac MRI
  - Electrophysiologic testing
- Arrhythmia diagnosis
  - ECG
  - Holter / event/ implantable recorders
  - Electrophysiologic testing

**Treatment**
- Of non-arrhythmic causes
- Of arrhythmic causes
  - Drugs
  - Devices
  - Anti-bradycardia
  - Anti-tachycardia
  - Ablation
  - Hybrid therapy

A&E
- Admission to hospital
  (secondary or tertiary care)

Ambulance

Outpatient assessment / follow-up
- Rapid access arrhythmia clinic
- Specialist arrhythmia clinic (secondary or tertiary care)
- General Cardiology clinic

GP - GPSI

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