

Dear colleague,

Rapid Access Syncope Clinic (King Edward V11 Hospital, Windsor)

As you know Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC) entails a heterogeneous group of patients with underlying cardiovascular syncope (structural heart disease, arrhythmic or neurally mediated) or seizures. The manifestations can vary from blackouts, dizziness, faints, fits or unexplained falls in the elderly. Lack of clear history, amnesia, co-morbidities and medications can cloud the clinical diagnosis and most of these patients are inappropriately referred to TIA and ENT clinics.

Despite clinical assessment and basic tests diagnosis of blackouts still remains a mystery in a third of cases.

Latest advances in Tilt testing, autonomic functions and prolonged cardiac monitoring can improve the diagnostic accuracy in unexplained TLOC due to cardiac causes.

We jointly provide a specialist service in cardiology, neurology and synchology to diagnose and differentiate such conditions in the Rapid Access Syncope Clinic and would be more than happy to assist with the management of your patients at your request.

We would be delighted to meet with you at your practice to discuss the service and how to ensure we receive appropriate referrals to it. If we are unavailable please contact the Primary Care Liaison Team who will forward your meeting request.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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