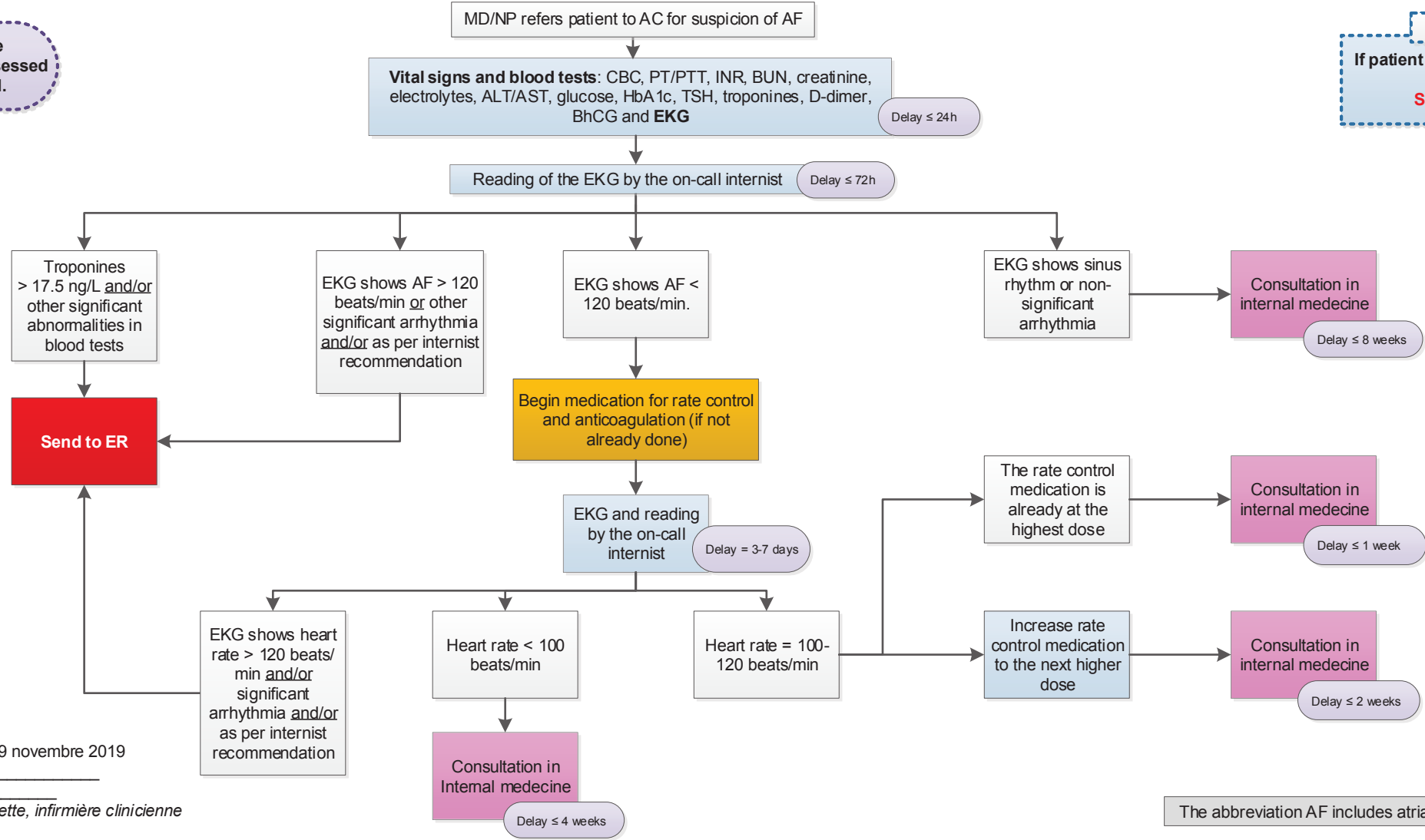


# SUSPICION OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (AF) > 48H

<p><b>Professional:</b> Nurse working at the Access Clinic of the CIUSSS de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal</p> <p><b>Targeted user:</b> Patient referred by MD/NP presenting signs of atrial fibrillation (AF)</p> <p><b>Indication:</b> Patient answers all general admission criteria for the Access Clinic (AC)</p>	<p><b>Specific inclusion criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presents signs and symptoms of AF (palpitations, tachycardia, fatigue, weakness, lightheadedness, mild dyspnea)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription:</b> The referring MD/NP is responsible to prescribe an antiarrhythmic and an anticoagulant</p>	<p><b>Specific exclusion criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signs of hypoperfusion</li> <li>- HR &gt; 120 beats/min</li> <li>- Signs of ischemia: angina, ↑ chest pain</li> <li>- Signs of severe heart failure: panting, palpitations, lipothymia</li> <li>- Patient with mechanical heart valve</li> <li>- Symptoms of TIA/stroke or previous event: partial paralysis, paralysis, numbness, aphasia, visual/cognitive impairment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Significant arrhythmia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ventricular tachycardia</li> <li>- Ventricular fibrillation</li> <li>- Polymorphic ventricular tachycardia</li> <li>- Ventricular flutter</li> <li>- Idioventricular rhythm</li> <li>- Paroxysmal supra-ventricular tachycardia</li> <li>- AV block 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Mobitz 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree</li> <li>- Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome</li> </ul>
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**CLINICAL ALERT**  
 If unable to meet the delay for the consultation, the patient must be reassessed by the Access Clinic professional.

**CLINICAL ALERT**  
 If patient condition worsens at any time:  
 Send patient to ER.



The abbreviation AF includes atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter