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**Q** When a patient is referred from the cardiologist specialist to a cardiologist surgeon what is length of time on the waiting list for a coronary artery bypass graft?

**A** **Time between referral from cardiologist to being seen by a cardiac surgeon in clinic:** this varies according to the consultant; for a patient referred to any consultant the wait is typically 1-2 weeks. For a patient referred to a specific named surgeon, the wait can be up to 8 weeks.

**Time between being seen in clinic by a cardiac surgeon and surgery:** again this varies according to consultant and the urgency of the patient's condition, but a typical wait for a less urgent patient is 8-10 weeks.

**Overall**, more than 80% of cardiac surgery patients are treated within 18 weeks of initial referral by a GP – and for coronary artery bypass graft surgery this figure would be closer to 90%.