AULTMAN

ECHOCARDIOGRAM "ECHO"

Appointment Date: _____ Time: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Hospital Heart Center (noninvasive heart lab)

SUMMARY OF THE TEST: An echocardiogram is an ultrasound exam of your heart. It is done by bouncing sound waves off of the heart. The test is performed to check heart valves and other heart structures and the pumping ability of the heart.

WHAT YOU MAY FEEL: You will be placed on an exam table, positioned on your left side with your left arm on the pillow beside your head. Three electrodes will be placed on your chest, and you will be placed on a heart monitor.

You will not feel the ultrasound waves. You will feel the cool gel on your chest and the pressure of the transducer probe on your chest. Sometimes the pressure of the probe can be uncomfortable. If the doctor ordered a "bubble study" with the echo, an IV will be started.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ Please bring a written order for your test from your doctor on the day of your test.
- ☐ Please bring a form of identification (i.e., driver's license, Social Security card).
- ☐ Please arrive at the hospital at least 15-20 minutes before your scheduled time of test.
- ☐ Do not wear any lotion, powder or perfume. It is OK to wear deodorant.
- ☐ You may take your medication and eat and drink before the test.
- ☐ **BRING A LIST OF YOUR MEDICATIONS** and your doctor's order. Bring in your medications for the day.

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LENGTH OF THE EXAM: The test usually takes 45-60 minutes.

AFTER THE EXAM: You may eat and drink before and after the test.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO TESTING: Please call 330-363-4229 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

List your questions/concerns prior to the start of the exam:

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REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a Patient Access Representative if we need any information. If you have any questions, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: Report to the Bedford building, which is adjacent to the main hospital at Sixth and Bedford. Cardiovascular Services is immediately off of the lobby to the right, in the Heart Center.

PARKING: There is free visitor parking across from the Bedford building. Enter from Sixth Street. You may also use the valet parking for the Bedford building at Sixth and Bedford Circle. If you park in the Seventh Street garage, present your pink registration copy with your parking ticket when exiting to park for free.

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2600 Sixth St. S.W.	6100 Whipple Ave. N.W.	2021 Wales Ave. N.E.	1020 Trump Road
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