

Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Heart and Vascular Center (noninvasive heart lab)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

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

WHAT TO EXPECT

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” or an enhancing agent, an intravenous line (IV) will be started.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications
- Please bring a driver’s license or other photo ID
- Please arrive at the hospital at least 15 minutes before you scheduled exam time
- Do not wear any lotion, powder or perfume. It is OK to wear deodorant
- You may take your medication and eat and drink before your test

LENGTH OF EXAM: the exam usually takes 45-60 minutes.

AFTER THE EXAM: you may eat and drink before and after the exam.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam from ordering physician. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-4229 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. if you have questions.

SCHEDULING AND 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 questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford building; enter from Sixth Street. Valet parking is available at the Seventh Street and Bedford building entrances for a fee - or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th street for a fee, based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Heart and Vascular Center (Lot 3 parking is the closest parking) is located on the first floor of the Bedford Building. After entering the Bedford lobby, turn to your right and enter the Heart and Vascular Center.