

Echocardiogram

What is it?

An echocardiogram is a test that uses sound waves to help make a picture of your heart. The test is painless. A small amount of jelly will be applied to your chest and then a small wand will be passed over the area. A computer will make pictures of the heart's chambers and valves. A cardiologist will review the pictures and send a report to your doctor.



Why has my doctor ordered this test?

This test is often ordered when a patient has high blood pressure or shortness of breath. It may also be ordered when a doctor hears a heart murmur. This test helps determine if there are any structural problems with the heart that may be caused by high blood pressure. It can also detect problems with the heart that may explain the high blood pressure or shortness of breath.

Special Instructions:

1. This test **MUST** be scheduled prior to leaving our clinic
2. The test is performed in different locations, so please check with us for special instructions and directions depending on the site of the exam.
3. The results of your tests will be reviewed with you at your follow up visit.
4. If a follow-up appointment needs to be rescheduled earlier due to results, we will contact you.
5. We may not discuss these results over the phone due to privacy concerns.

Your Test is scheduled for:

Date _____ Time _____

Place _____

The Pediatric Healthy Life Center has prepared this sheet for your information only.

For more Information, please contact the Pediatric Healthy Life Center at 251-434-5038