

Echocardiogram

What is an Echocardiogram?

An echocardiogram (echo) is a test that uses sound waves (ultrasound) to make pictures of your heart.

- Ultrasound waves are sent into the chest using an ultrasound device that is moved over the chest with gel.
The test results in pictures of your heart. It is painless.

Why Do I Need an Echocardiogram?

This test allows your physician to look at how blood flows through the heart chambers, heart valves, and blood vessels.

It is also used to see:

- How your heart moves
- The heart's pumping strength
- If the heart valves are working correctly
- If blood is leaking backwards through your heart valves (regurgitation)
- If the heart valves are too narrow (stenosis)
- If there is a tumor or infectious growth around your heart valves

How Do I Prepare?

- DO NOT use **oil or lotion** on or around chest and neck area

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Time: _____

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