

Echocardiogram

What is an Echocardiogram?

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

- Ultrasound waves are sent into the chest using an ultrasound device that is moved over the chest with gel.
- 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
- If there is fluid around your heart
- If there is thickening of the walls of your heart

How Do I Prepare?

- DO NOT use **oil or lotion** on or around chest and neck area
- There is no other preparation involved for this test

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Time: _____

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