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CARDIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

Echocardiography

Appointments for Echocardiography (Echocardiogram) are available on referral basis only and are fully covered by OHIP.

Appointment Instructions:

- Please take all daily medication as usual.
- Must bring a VALID HEALTH CARD and ALL CURRENT MEDICATIONS.
- If Health Card is not valid or expired, uninsured visit charges will apply.
- Must bring a translator if the patient cannot speak English.
- Patients who wish to RESCHEDULE or CANCEL their appointment must do so at least 48 business hours in advance to avoid a NO-SHOW fee of \$113.

Description of Test: Echocardiography

Echocardiography or cardiac ultrasound is a highly-accurate and non-invasive test which provides a clear moving image of your heart for the physician to examine. The sonographer will spread a gel on your chest and then place the transducer firmly over the gelled area. The transducer picks up the sound waves coming from the heart which gets transferred to a computer that creates an image of the heart to search for any possible problem. The sound waves help to make a moving picture of the heart which is extremely helpful in seeing the heart beating as well as how blood flows in it and all the heart valves. The test is used to check any structural abnormalities, enlarged hearts, or dysfunctional valves.

For more information about the services provided at the Polyclinic Cardiology Department or for referral information please contact us at 416-222-6160 EXT. 243.

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