

ECHO--ULTRASOUND

Appointment

Date:

Time:

Patient Preparation:

nil

Time For Examination:

45mins

Please Bring:

Referral

Previous imaging

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available.**

This is an ultrasound used to take moving pictures of your heart. It is possible to measure the size of the various chambers and to study the appearance and motion of the heart valves. This determines how well your heart is working.

When taken into the room you will be required to take off your top, change into a gown and lie down on the table. Sticky ECG leads will be attached to your chest wall and the leads hooked up to a machine to monitor your heart rate.

You will be asked about any previous heart conditions, illness, medications or previous imaging that may be helpful to the exam.

A small ultrasound probe coupled with hypo allergenic ultrasound gel will be placed on your skin between the ribs to image the heart. It is normal to feel pressure from the probe as it is firmly pressed between the ribs, but is not usually painful. You will at times be asked to hold your breath or move on to your side, this optimises the imaging as movement or structures of the heart are recorded. The heart beat will be heard at times during the test on the machine as it is recorded.

Once all images are complete, the ECG dots are removed and you will be allowed to change.

The images are reviewed by the Radiologist and the report will be sent to your referring doctor.