



TRANSTHORACIC ULTRASOUND

Your physician has prescribed a transthoracic ultrasound exam. This examination consists in obtaining views of your heart using ultrasounds. The exam can be performed to evaluate the general functioning of your heart as well as your heart valves.

ABOUT THE EXAMINATION

- The examination is performed by a technologist by appointment only.
- The examination usually lasts 30 to 60 minutes.
- You can drive after your appointment.

CANCELLING OR POSTPONING THE EXAMINATION

If you need to cancel or postpone your appointment, please notify the staff by dialling 819-346-1110, ext. 21073 or ext. 14430.

REMEMBER TO BRING...

- A valid medical insurance card (otherwise you will have to pay for this test).
- Your hospital card
 - * If you do not have a hospital card, before your appointment allow for 15 minutes to have one made at the admitting department.
- An up-to-date list of all your medications.

ON THE DAY OF THE TEST

- Go to the location at the time and date specified by the administrative officer or in your letter (received by mail or email).
- You will lie on your back during the examination.
- A technologist will place three electrodes on your thorax to register your heart's electrical signals. He will then apply some gel and an ultrasonic probe on your thorax to observe your heart and blood vessels.
- After the exam, the cardiologist will examine the images to make sure he has all the elements to make a later diagnosis. Please note that no diagnosis will be provided on site because the cardiologist will re-examine the images.
- Once this examination has been completed, you may leave the hospital.
- You will be able to drive home.

GETTING YOUR TEST RESULTS

Your results will be available 2 to 4 weeks after your examination and will be sent to you by your prescribing physician.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



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OR

Speak to your prescriber.

CHECKLIST

My examination date: _____

Examination time: _____

Location: _____

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