

How to contact the Community Cardiology Team

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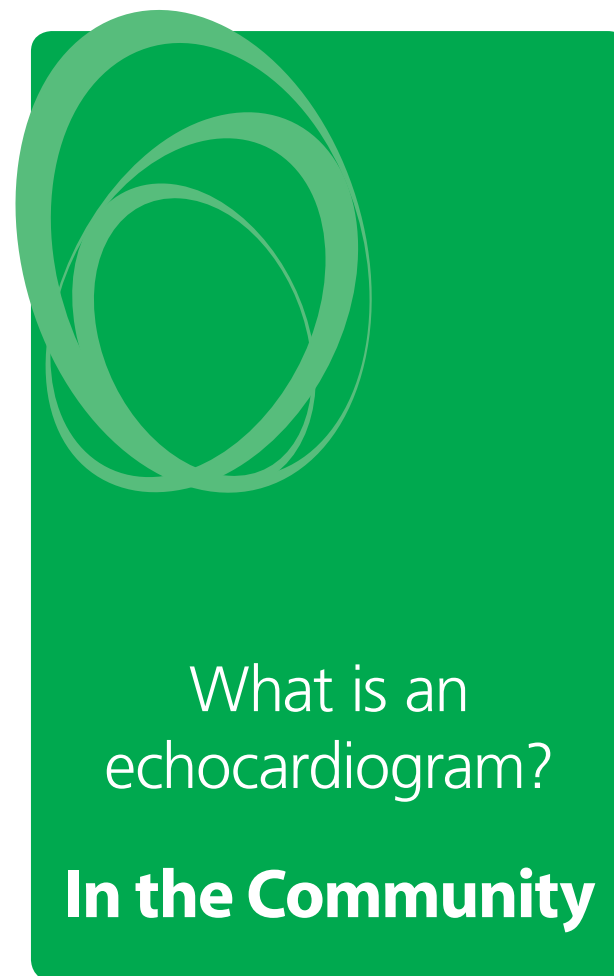
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What is an echocardiogram?

This is a scan that uses ultrasound (sound waves) to produce pictures of the heart. The test is painless and without side effects. The test gives the doctor information about how well your heart is functioning and about the blood flow through your heart and heart valves.

How is it done?

You will be asked to undress to the waist and lie on a couch on your left side. Sticky electrodes will be attached to your chest and connected to the echo machine. These will monitor your heart rate during the test.

An ultrasound probe and a small amount of gel are placed on your chest and will be moved to different positions. Please do not be afraid to inform the operator if you feel any discomfort from the probe on your chest.

The probe will collect images from your heart and will be displayed on the echo machine then recorded onto either video or disc.

The scan will take approximately 20-40 minutes to complete.

Medication/tablets

You can continue to take all of your medication as normal, unless otherwise instructed by your doctor.

At the end of your scan

Once the scan is complete you can get dressed and you will be free to leave. A report of the echocardiogram will be sent to the doctor who requested the echocardiogram.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss these with your technician when you come in for your appointment.

If you wish to bring a chaperone during your procedure, please feel free to do so. If you would like a chaperone from the department, please ask upon your arrival.