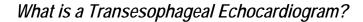


TRANSESOPHAGEAL ECHOCARDIOGRAM (TEE)

Patient Information

24 hour Adult Supervision Required after this procedure.



An Echocardiogram (Echo) is a test that uses sound waves to take pictures of the structures of your heart.

A Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE) is a specialized type of Echo. A small probe is placed through your mouth into your esophagus (food tube). This area is directly behind your heart. Doing an Echo in this area gives your doctor a clearer picture of the heart . . . especially the heart valves and chambers.

Your test will be done in the X-Ray Department on the main floor of Western Memorial Regional Hospital.

You will be asked to lie on a stretcher on your side. Your heart rhythm will be monitored (like having an ECG done).

Before the test your throat will be sprayed with a local anesthesia (freezing). You may also receive medication to help you relax. This is given through a vein in your hand or arm.

Your TEE will take about 15 minutes . . . but you will have to stay in the Recovery Room for about an hour after test.

Getting Ready;

Hold warfarin 5 days prior to test

- To prepare for your test, you must <u>not</u> have anything to eat or drink for *8 hours* before your appointment. If you are taking any medications, continue these with a small sip of water.
- Warfarin has to be held for 5 days prior to test.
- Be sure to have another adult come with you to drive you home. You will <u>not</u> be allowed to drive after the test. Adult supervision required for 24hours after the procedure.
- Register in the Outpatient Department at 0715 a.m., and then proceed to Medical Imaging Department (X-ray Department) to register at 0730.

Your Appointment
Date of Appt:
Time:

If you have to cancel or change your appointment, please call us at: 639-9181

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