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ECHOCARDIOGRAM WITH INTRACARDIAC DOPPLER

Patient:		
An appointment has been made for you at CENTRAL FLORIDA HEART CENTER, on:		
DAY:	DATE:	TIME:
for your Echocardiogram.		

This remarkable test provides for you and your physician a "motion picture" of your heart and a method for measuring blood flow inside your heart. It is done with the use of ultrasound and is harmless, painless and very interesting to watch.

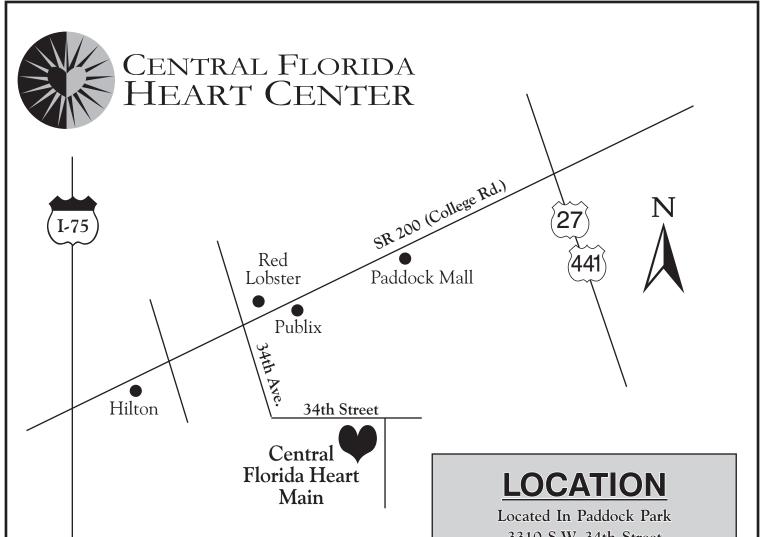
With the information made available to your physician it is possible to evaluate the heart's function. An example would be the assessment of cardiac "murmurs". Basically, a "murmur" is an irregular heart sound and is usually caused by some "mechanical" function, either normal or abnormal, that is happening inside your heart. The cause of the "murmur" can be identified by the pictures taken during the test. Everything from a malfunctioning valve, to the identification of clots and tumors inside the heart itself can be diagnosed with the use of the echocardiogram.

During the actual performance of the test you will be asked to disrobe from the waist up and wear a hospital gown. You will then lie on your side with your arm positioned comfortably under your head. During the test you will be in a perfect position to watch the "motion picture" of your heart being acquired by the technologist.

While specific diseases of the heart and other irregularities can and are routinely diagnosed by this procedure, some problems may require other testing. A trained Cardiopulmonary Technologist using the most sophisticated ultrasound equipment available for the purpose, will make this a painless, informative and interesting experience.

The test takes approximately 45 minutes to perform. This test requires a physician's prescription and the results will be discussed with you by your physician.

If you have any questions regarding the fees associated with this test, please feel free to contact the billing department at 873-0707.



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