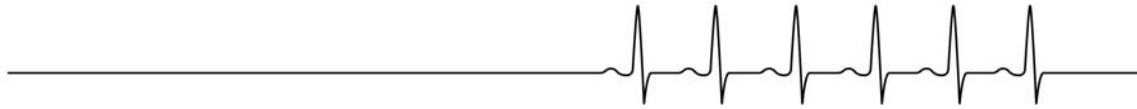


CAROTID DOPPLER ULTRASOUND



PATIENT NAME: _____

APPOINTMENT DATE: _____ **APPOINTMENT TIME:** _____

Please note, you should allow 1 hour for completion of this test.

PURPOSE: A carotid doppler ultrasound test is a very useful screening procedure that measures the blood flow through the arteries and provides information about the structure of the arteries from your collarbone to your jaw. It is conducted while you lie on an exam table, using a transducer attached to a monitor and computer.

PROCEDURE:

1. A highly trained technician will ask you to lie on your back on an exam table.
2. The technician will take your blood pressure in both arms before the test.
3. The technician will apply a small amount of water-soluble gel on both sides of your neck.
4. The technician will move the transducer across the carotid arteries in your neck.
5. Sound waves are reflected off the arteries and received by the transducer immediately. The images are displayed on the monitor and recorded on the computer.
6. The results of your test will be carefully reviewed and interpreted by the Cardiologist. The Care Group makes every effort to provide results of your test to your ordering physician within a 24-hour period.
7. Because of the volume of testing that we do, if you are scheduled to see your ordering physician after your test, it may take an hour or more to have the test read by the Echo Cardiologist.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. It is important that you are on time for your test. If you need to cancel, please call: 317-583-7900 or 1-866-415-6622.
2. You may take your medications the day of the procedure.
3. You may eat and drink before the test.
4. Do not wear a turtleneck or other clothing that will cover the neck.



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