



*Fetal, Pediatric & Adult Congenital Heart Disease*

Your child has been referred for an echocardiogram (“echo”), or ultrasound of the heart. The echo will take approximately 30 to 60 minutes and is a safe and reliable method of evaluating the structure of your child’s heart. The sonographer performing the examination is specifically trained in pediatric echocardiography techniques. The results of the echocardiogram will not be available until the echocardiogram is reviewed by a pediatric cardiologist, who will send a report to the provider who ordered the test. That provider will then notify you of the results. In most cases, results are available within 24-48 hours of when the echocardiogram is performed. If a serious abnormality is found, the referring provider will be notified immediately.

If you have been referred for an echocardiogram only, you will not meet with a pediatric cardiologist at the time of your appointment. Cardiology consultation may be requested by referring providers or parents by calling 541-639-8333.

*For young children....*

An echocardiogram requires that your child be relatively still during the time it takes to perform the study. Sometimes, young children (especially those under 3 years of age) are unable to lie still for this length of time, and we are unable to perform an accurate and complete study; in those cases, light sedation can be used to improve the quality of the study. Sedation can be performed only with consultation and supervision of the pediatric cardiologist, and cannot be done during “echo only” visits. Our echo room is equipped with a television, DVD player and toys, but please feel free to bring any items that you feel may assist your child in cooperating with the study. Family members are welcome to stay with the child while the test is being performed.

**Please contact us at 541-639-8333 with any questions about your appointment. We look forward to seeing you!**