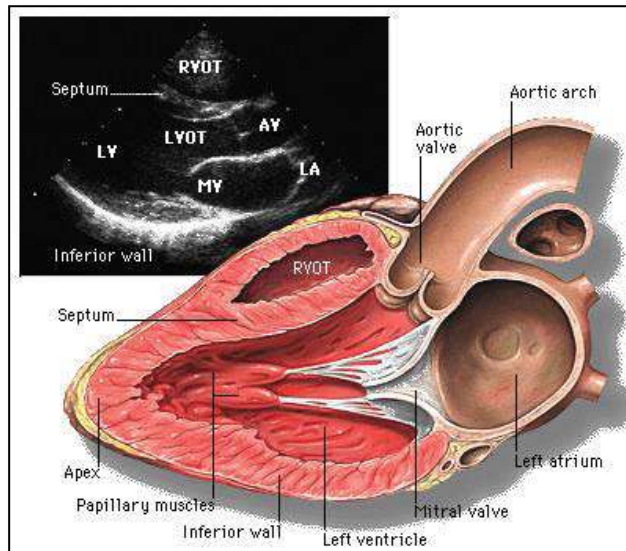




## Echocardiogram patient information sheet



An echocardiogram (ECHO) is an ultrasound of the heart. Ultrasound is a safe, painless method of taking images or pictures of the heart. A technologist places a probe on the chest wall and records multiple views of the heart to be interpreted by a cardiologist.

The echocardiogram allows the cardiologist to evaluate and measure the size of the chambers, thickness and pumping strength of heart muscle. It also allows measurement of blood flow through the valves, and different chambers of the heart. This allows the cardiologist to determine whether or not the valves have tightness (stenosis) or leakiness (regurgitation) and evaluate the severity of malfunction (if any).

Preparation need: None.

The echocardiogram takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes, so please plan accordingly.

APPOINTMENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPOINTMENT TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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