



Cardiology Associates, Inc.

You are scheduled to have an **ECHOCARDIOGRAM** test at the office of Cardiology Associates, Inc. in the South Bend Office.

DESCRIPTION:

An echocardiogram (or “echo”) is an ultrasound of the heart. It is performed using a small microphone like device (called a transducer) and gel that is placed on your chest. The echo shows the heart chamber, muscles, valves and size of your heart. Using Doppler we also look and listen to the blood flow through the heart valves. Depending on how “photogenic” you are, we might need to use a contrast agent to help us visualize your heart muscle. This contrast agent would be injected through an IV.

A cardiologist will review and interpret your echo. A report will be sent to the physician who ordered the test. **Family members will not be allowed in the room during testing.**

TIME: Allow 1 hour.

PREP: Wear two-piece clothing as you will be removing your top and putting on a gown.

