


Echocardiogram exam Imaging Department 915-298-8353 Scheduling 915-298-KIDS		
INDICATIONS:	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician.	
CONTRAINDICATIONS:	None	
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Echocardiography studies can be performed on children of any age and size. Typical study time is between 30-40 minutes	
PREPARATION:	If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam.	
PRECAUTIONS:	None	
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Take medications as usual	
WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:	<p>During an echocardiographic study (a cardiac ultrasound or echo), we use very high frequency sound waves to form a moving, two-dimensional picture of your child's heart on a television screen. This enables us to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify any abnormalities in the structure of your child's heart • Evaluate how the heart muscle is functioning • Measure the speed of blood flow through the heart • Estimate blood pressure in the different chambers of the heart 	