

Echocardiogram

An appointment has been arranged by either your own GP or the doctor at the hospital to perform an ultrasound scan of your heart. You will be asked to remove your clothing from the top half of your body (a gown will be provided). You will then be asked to lie on a couch on your left side.

A small probe and gel will be placed on the front and side of your chest, which allows us to view your heart's structures on a monitor.

These pictures are recorded and are reviewed and reported.

The test time can vary from 20-30 minutes.

A written report will be sent to the requesting doctor.

If you can't go let us know!

Every month around 2,000 people across Forth Valley fail to turn up for hospital appointments. This costs the NHS millions of pounds each year and increases waiting times. So if you are unable to attend or no longer require your hospital appointment please let us know so we can offer it to someone else.

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