



Dobutamine Stress Echocardiogram

Your doctor has scheduled you for a Dobutamine Stress Echocardiogram. This is a test that combines an ultrasound study of the heart with a stress test. It allows doctors to learn how the heart functions when it is made to work harder.

Your test will be on _____ at _____.

An echo study is performed while your heart is "at rest". Dobutamine is then infused (injected very slowly, over a period of minutes) into a vein in your arm. The drug causes your heart to pump faster and harder, as if you were exercising. Additional echo images are then obtained during and after the infusion of Dobutamine. These images are then compared side by side.

Preparing for test:

1. Do not eat for 3 hours prior to the test; this will help prevent the possibility of nausea which may accompany the infusion of Dobutamine.
2. Take medications as prescribed unless otherwise directed by your physician.
3. Make sure to wear a two-piece outfit. You will need to undress from the waist up and put on a gown

Approximate time test will take: Two Hours

Locations:

Lansing - Greenlawn Professional Building, 405 W. Greenlawn, suite 400 - Telephone 517-492-8449

Owosso - 300 Health Park Drive * Suite 301 - Telephone 989-723-3613

If you have any questions or are unable to keep this appointment, please call our office.