

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Echocardiogram

## Cardiology Department

You have been asked to attend the Heart and Lung Unit for an echocardiogram.

### **What is an echocardiogram?**

This is an ultrasound investigation of the structure and function of your heart. The test does not involve x-rays, and you will not go into a tunnel.

### **What will happen at my appointment?**

The echocardiogram may be carried out by a male member of staff, and you may wish to bring someone with you to the appointment.

You will be asked to undress down to the waist and lie on an examination couch on your left-hand side. A small probe called a transducer will be placed on your chest and moved to show various images of your heart. From time to time you will hear some noises as the blood flow through the valves is studied.

The scan may only take a few minutes but can take up to 20 minutes to complete.

You will not see a doctor at this appointment.

### **Additional information**

If you have any questions about your appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 01803 654450 and we will be pleased to help. Please note this number is for appointments only, please do not call for results.

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