



## **Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE)**

A transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) is a special type of echocardiogram. It is usually done when your doctor wants to get a more detailed look at your heart. It is done with a scope placed down your esophagus under sedation. The scope uses high-frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to examine the structures of the heart.

### **Exam Information:**

- Please wear comfortable clothing
- Arrive 60 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment to register
- Bring a current written list of medications
- The exam requires you to be NPO (without food/drink) from midnight before the exam, till after the exam is completed

## **Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE) (cont)**

Upon arrival, you will be registered and escorted to the Cardiopulmonary Department where you will be asked about your medical history. If lab work is needed, it will be completed prior to the exam. The exam itself only takes about 15 minutes, but setup and recovery makes the whole process last about 2 hours.

Please call (865) 446-8100 if you have questions regarding your exam preparation. A Technologist will explain the procedure prior to the exam and help answer questions. If requested by your physician, a CD can be requested and picked up from Medical Records Monday – Friday 8:00am -4:30pm. If you have scheduling concerns, please call (865) 374-4000.

**\*Results should be available within 48 hours, either through your personal patient portal or your ordering provider**