

## LEADERS IN CARDIOLOGY

# **KIMBERLEY CARDIAC TEST REFERRAL**

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PATIENT DETAILS								
	SURNAME		FIRST NAME			DATE OF BIRTH /	/	
	PHONE		EMAIL					
	ADDRESS							
	ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE BOOK 1				HROUGH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE? YES / NO			
	MEDICARE NUMBER				MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER			
INVESTIGATIONS								
URGENT	Cardiology Consultation	BROOME	KUNUNURRA	DERBY	HALLS CREEK	FITZROY CROSSING	BALGO	
	Echocardiogram							
	ECG Exercise Stress Testing Dobutamine Stress Echo							
	Exercise Echocardiography Holter Monitor (24 -72 hour) Event Monitor (7 day)					ESTIGATION UNAVAILABL AT THESE LOCATIONS	E	
	30 Day Event Monitoring Ambulatory BP Monitoring							
			consultation if ir		the test results			
Book patient for follow-up cardiology consultation if indicated by the test results.								
ARF/RHD								
REFERRING DOCTOR								
	NAME SIGNATURE DATE / /							
	PRACTICE							
	PROVIDER NUMBER							
	CONTACT PHONE							
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	ELECTRONIC FAX							

#### Echocardiogram (Duration 45 mins)

An ECHO is an ultrasound of the heart, is usually painless and does not involve radiation or x-rays. It produces images of your heart muscle, valves, blood vessels and blood flow.

No specific preparation is required. Wear a two piece outfit (or gown), as they will be required to remove your clothing from the waist up.

#### ECG Exercise Stress Testing (Duration 30 minutes)

Exercise stress test is used to assess the likelihood of blockages in the heart arteries. This test involves a treadmill so wear loose comfortable clothing and suitable footwear.

No need to fast, however we recommend that you only have a light breakfast if your test is in the morning or a light lunch if your test is in the afternoon. It is preferable that you do not eat for 4 hours before your test. Avoid stimulants like coffee, tea, and soft drinks that contain caffeine.

Wear a two piece outfit (or gown) suitable for walking, as you may be required to remove your clothing from the waist up. A list of your medications is required. You should ask your referring doctor if current medication should be temporarily stopped before the test.

#### Exercise Echocardiography (Duration 60 mins)

This is a combination of an ultrasound of your heart and a stress test to assess for changes to your heart's function with exercise. This test is used to assess the likelihood of blockages in your heart arteries. This test involves a treadmill so please wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear.

No need to fast, however we recommend that you only have a light breakfast if your test is in the morning or a light lunch if your test is in the afternoon. It is preferable that you do not eat for 4 hours before your test. Avoid stimulants like coffee, tea, and soft drinks and that contain caffeine.

Wear a two piece outfit (or gown), as you will be required to remove your clothing from the waist up. A list of your medications is required. You should ask your referring doctor if current medication should be temporarily stopped before the test.

\* Dobutamine Stress Echo is available at our Broome service. This is another type of Stress Echo used when the patient is unable to exercise on a treadmill. A drug is used to increase the heart rate in situations where exercising is not an option. An intravenous cannula (IV) is inserted in your hand or forearm. **Holter or Event Monitor** (*Approximately 15 minutes to attach and 5 minutes to remove. To be left on for the specific recording period.*)

Ambulatory ECG monitoring provides your doctor with a recording of your heart's electrical activity over a specific period. There are two types: Holter monitoring and event monitoring. With Holter monitoring, the recording is continuous over a 24-72 hour period. With event monitoring, the device is worn for 7 or 30 days, but only records when you press the event button. You are encouraged to perform normal daily activities.

**Ambulatory BP Monitor** (10 minutes to attach and 5 minutes to remove. To be left on for the 24 hour recording period)

An ambulatory blood pressure monitor automatically records blood pressure over a 24 hour period, taking recordings every 30 minutes during the day and every hour during the night. You are encouraged to perform normal daily activities.

You should shower before the monitor is attached, as you will NOT be able to shower whilst wearing the monitor. The monitor cannot be used in water. Wear a two piece outfit (or gown), preferably loose fitting especially around the upper arm. Do not use talc or body lotion on your upper body. No other imaging (CT, MRI or x-ray) can be performed while the monitor is attached.