

Echocardiogram

An echocardiogram, or echo, is a painless test that uses ultrasound to build pictures of your heart that can be used to detect any potential problems. We work with a team of Physiologists, who can perform echocardiograms in our outpatient cardiology facility.

Prompt identification of issues relating to the heart

Cardiac echo tests are used to find and detect a number of issues relating to your heart, including:

- Damage that might have been caused by a heart attack
- Possible heart failure
- Any defects caused by congenital heart disease
- Issues surrounding the valves of your heart
- Thickened or hardened walls of your heart (known as cardiomyopathy)

The first step is to have an initial consultation with a Consultant Cardiologist. With no waiting lists, you can access prompt care at a time that suits you, whether you are paying for yourself or have medical insurance.

Prices & payment

We offer a guide price of:

Echocardiogram (Physiologist-led)
£300

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

What to expect from an echocardiogram procedure

What does an echocardiogram test involve?

A specially trained Physiologists will perform the echocardiogram.

You'll need to remove your clothing from the top half of your body and you will be offered a gown to cover yourself. Several sticky pads called electrodes will be placed on your chest, which are connected to the machine. An ultrasound probe will be covered with lubricating gel and you'll be asked to lie on your left side while the probe is moved around your chest.

Using sound waves, the probe will build moving images of your heart and your Physiologist will produce a written report of the scan. The whole test takes on average 30 minutes, but this can vary slightly for every individual.

Does the test hurt?

An echocardiogram is a painless safe test, although you might feel some slight discomfort as the sticky pads are removed from your chest. The lubricating gel might also feel a little cold when it is first applied.

Echocardiograms don't use any radiation, so the test is perfectly safe for everyone, including pregnant women.

When can I get my results?

If you've been referred for an echocardiogram by your GP, results will be written up and sent to them the same day, ready for you to review at your next appointment with them.

If you're referred to a Cardiologist, you may be asked to come in for tests a few days prior your consultation. The results will be ready to discuss during your appointment with your Consultant. This will then be used to determine if any further treatment is needed.