BARNES-JEWISH WEST COUNTY HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY—Echocardiogram

Patient’s Name: ___________________________

Referring Physician’s Name: ___________________________

Procedure Date: ________________ Time: ________________ Arrival Time: ________________

Location: □ Hospital □ Imaging Center

Welcome to Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital Radiology. An echocardiogram is a valuable tool that physicians use to diagnose and manage many forms of heart disease. This painless, non-invasive test uses sound waves to check the heart’s structure, movements and blood flow. It is an important tool for checking heart valves and tracking heart conditions over time.

COMMON CARDIOLOGY PROCEDURES
• Exercise Stress Echocardiogram
• Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE)
• Cardioversion
• Holter Monitors
• Stress Test

SCHEDULING YOUR EXAM
Appointments are scheduled Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cardiology exams are by appointment only. Typically, your referring physician will schedule an appointment for you. If you need to reschedule your Cardiology exam or if you have been asked to schedule your appointment yourself, please call Radiology Scheduling at 314-996-8080 Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you have been asked to schedule the appointment yourself, please have your physician’s order and pre-authorization information required by your insurance or health plan provider in hand before calling Radiology Scheduling.

BEFORE YOUR EXAM
• Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow for registration time.
• Please bring a photo ID (driver’s license or state ID), and insurance card(s) with you to your appointment.
• Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing to your exam. In some cases, you will be given a hospital gown to wear during the procedure.
• Be prepared to discuss your current medications, allergies, and past medical history.
• Your doctor might ask you to fast (not eat or drink anything but water) for a short time before the test. If you’re diabetic, ask your doctor whether you need to adjust your medicines on the day of the test.
• For some stress tests, you can’t drink coffee or other caffeinated drinks for a day before the test. Certain over-the-counter or prescription medicines also may interfere with some stress tests. Ask your doctor whether you need to avoid certain drinks or food or change how you take your medicine before the test.

RESULTS
All cardiology exams are read by a cardiologist. The cardiologists at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital are all specialized experts in their field. The cardiologist will send the results of your exam to your physician’s office within 24 hours. If needed, the cardiologists are available to discuss your results with your physician. Your physician’s office will then in turn discuss the results with you.

QUESTIONS
Visit our website at www.barnesjewishcounty.org/radiology or call the Radiology Department at 314-996-8499.