HEART CATHETERIZATION WITH OR WITHOUT ANGIOPLASTY (PTCA)

Appointment Date: ______________________

WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?
The Heart Lab staff will call you between 2 and 4 p.m. the day prior to your test with your arrival time. The approximate time of your procedure is not known until the day before your test. If you will not be available to receive the call, or if you don’t get a call by 4 p.m., please call to confirm your arrival time.

- Heart Cath Lab: 330-363-4230
- Cardiac Same-day: 330-363-5016 (if no answer in Heart Lab)

Please use the Bedford (Sixth Street) entrance on arrival to the hospital.

INSTRUCTIONS:

☑ Please review the information provided in your procedure information packet prior to coming to the hospital.

☑ If you were given an order for lab work, please have it drawn several days before your procedure. Take your order with you. You do not need an appointment for your preadmission testing.

☑ You must have someone to drive you home and stay with you overnight after your procedure, unless you are admitted to the hospital.

☑ Do not eat or drink anything except for sips of water with your medication(s) after midnight the night before your procedure.

☑ Please bring all your medications to the hospital the day of your procedure. They will be sent home with you. **You will not be permitted** to take medications brought in from home while you are in the hospital.

☑ If you are allergic to shellfish, iodine or X-ray dye, please tell the staff.

☐ Other instructions_________________________________________________________

Medication Instructions: your doctor’s office will give you instructions below:

☐ Take all your medications the night before and morning of your procedure with a sip of water.

☐ Take **only** the following medications the night before and morning of your procedure:______________________________________________________.

☐ Other medication instructions_____________________________________________.
LOCATION: Aultman Heart and Vascular Center, Cardiac Same-day

SUMMARY OF THE TEST: A heart catheterization is an X-ray used to view the arteries, chambers and valves of the heart. A soft narrow plastic catheter (tube) is inserted through the arm or groin, and guided through a blood vessel to the heart. A special X-ray dye, called contrast, is injected through the catheter, which allows the cardiologist (heart doctor) to see the heart structures.

If there is a significant blockage in one or more of the heart arteries, your cardiologist may perform an ANGIOPLASTY. An angioplasty uses a small balloon which is inflated to open up the blocked area and place a STENT (wire mesh tube) to keep the artery open.

WHAT YOU MAY FEEL: You may be given medicine to help you relax. You will feel the “bee sting” of medicine injected in the skin to numb the arm or leg. This may be the most uncomfortable part of the procedure. Once the area is numb, the doctor will start your procedure.

During the procedure, you may feel a warm flush during some of the times the contrast is injected into your heart. You will be awake and may be asked questions during the procedure. If the procedure is done through your leg, strong pressure may be applied for 30 minutes or more to make sure the bleeding has stopped. This may be uncomfortable. Let the nurse know if it is painful.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE HOSPITAL:
- This packet of information.
- A copy of your living will or durable power of attorney for health care (advanced directives), if you have one.
- Any toiletry items you would like.
- Bring all your current medications. You will not be permitted to take your home medications while in the hospital, but the nurses need the names(s) and dosage(s) of each medication.
- Please do not bring valuables to the hospital, such as purse, wallet, jewelry, money, credit cards, etc. Bring only your ID and insurance cards.

LENGTH OF THE EXAM: The test usually takes 45-60 minutes. However, plan to be at the hospital for the full day for the preparation, procedure and recovery. This may include an overnight stay, if necessary.
If you require an angioplasty in addition to the cardiac catheterization, you will likely be admitted to the hospital for an overnight stay.

**AFTER THE EXAM:** You may eat and drink after the test.

**QUESTIONS PRIOR TO TESTING:** Please call 330-363-4230 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

List your questions/concerns prior to the start of the exam:

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**REGISTRATION:** Preregistration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a Patient Access representative if we need any information. If you have any questions, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440, Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS:** Report to the Bedford building, which is adjacent to the main hospital at Sixth Street and Bedford Avenue. Report to Cardiac Same-day in the Heart and Vascular Center. Please check in with the staff at the reception desk.

**PARKING:** Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford building; enter from Sixth Street. Valet parking is available at either the Seventh Street or Bedford entrances for a $5 fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is also available for a fee, based on your length of stay.

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