

Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Heart and Vascular Center

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A renal artery ultrasound is used to see how well blood is flowing in the vessels that send blood to your kidneys. It can help detect narrowing or blockage in that blood vessel. It is a non-invasive test using sound waves, gel and a small probe to produce an image of the renal arteries. Ultrasound uses no radiation, dyes or needles.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- You will be asked a brief history related to the exam.
- You will be asked to remove clothing and lie on your back. You will be given a gown or blanket for privacy.
- A sonographer will apply gel to the abdomen. Some pushing on the abdomen is required. It is important to relax and remain still for this exam.
- You may hear your blood flowing while the sonographer the exam is being done.
- After the exam, you may wipe off any excess gel and go home unless you have other appointments in the hospital.
- A vascular doctor will interpret the exam and send the report to your ordering doctor.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam unless one has already been faxed by the office.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.

LENGTH OF EXAM: This exam takes about 1 hour to complete.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-4229 weekdays between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. if you have questions.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration 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 questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street (Lot 3 parking is the closest parking to the vascular lab). Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

The Heart and Vascular Center is located on the first floor of the Bedford Building. After entering the Bedford lobby, turn to your right and enter the Heart and Vascular Center.