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PATIENT: Candy Test

ACCOUNT #: 379655 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY**

**Patient Preparation Instructions**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Davenport Diagnostic Center \_\_\_\_\_ Moline Diagnostic Center**

**2nd Floor, Genesis Heart Institute CVM Heart Center**

**1236 East Rusholme 1100 36th Avenue**

**Davenport, IA 52803 Moline, IL 61265**

**(563) 324-2992 (309) 743-6700**

Your test is scheduled on: DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **Please read these instructions carefully. Failure to follow these instructions may require the test to be rescheduled.**
* **Each time a patient misses an appointment without providing notice, another patient is prevented from receiving care. We ask that you please give at least a 24-hour notice if you are unable to keep your appointment. If you do not keep your appointment and do not notify us in advance, a $75 charge will be assessed to your account. This charge must be paid prior to rescheduling.**
* **If your insurance has changed since the time your test was scheduled, please check with your current insurer to see if test pre-certification is required.**

**What is a Saline Contrast Echocardiogram test?**

An echocardiogram is an ultrasound procedure that looks at the heart. A Saline Contrast test consists of an IV being placed in your arm or hand, this is to administer agitated saline (salt water solution). The saline is used to specifically look at the atrial septum in your heart as ordered by your physician. Saline(salt water solution) is injected into the IV by the nurse and the sonographer will acquire images. **The patient should experience no side effects from this test.**

**How do I prepare for the test?**

* You can eat and drink normally before this test.
* You can take all of your medications before this test.
* Wear comfortable two-piece clothing.
* Please shower or bathe before your test.
* Please allow 45 minutes for this test.

**Upon arrival at the doctor’s office…**

A sonographer will escort you to an exam room and explain the procedure. You will be asked to remove your clothing from the waist up. Women will be provided a cape to wear. The procedure is typically performed while you lie on your back and left side. The sonographer will place a small amount of gel on an ultrasound probe and place it on different areas of your chest. The test will take about 30-45 minutes to complete. A copy of your test report will be sent to your physician.