



Echocardiography (for the Mother)

1.0 WHAT IS IT?

The echocardiogram is a non-invasive test that uses ultrasound waves to create moving pictures of the heart. It provides information about the structure and function of your heart.

2.0 HOW SAFE IS IT FOR ME?

It uses ultrasound, the same type of scan used in pregnancy, and is safe for mothers.

3.0 ISSUES FOR THE MOTHER

The test is non-invasive and painless. It does not involve radiation or any injections.

4.0 ISSUES FOR THE BABY

An echocardiogram is also safe for the baby. It only uses sound waves, just like pregnancy scans, and has no effect on the pregnancy or the baby's health.

5.0 MEDICAL CARE DURING PREGNANCY AND DELIVERY

You will likely have at least one echocardiogram during your pregnancy. An echocardiogram can be performed at any stage without any change to routine prenatal care.