



Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE)

Brief Description of Procedure:

After the throat is numbed with a local anesthetic, the physician inserts a small flexible tube with an ultra-sound transducer into the esophagus. The patient receives intravenous sedation for this procedure. This examination takes approximately 20 minutes and provides the physician with accurate detailed information regarding different heart structures and blood flow.

Why Am I Having this Procedure?

A Transesophageal Echocardiography, also known as a TEE, allows your physician to assess for abnormal tissue growth around the heart's valves as well as for abnormalities in blood flow. Sometimes, this procedure is performed concurrently with a surgical procedure or before an electrical cardioversion.

Please call our office with additional questions.