Your guide to preparing for a diagnostic test at **Heart South.**



Diagnostic Prep Sheet

You are scheduled for the following tests:	
Location: Alabaster Clanton	
Echocardiogram	Date and Time:
Nuclear Stress Test / PET Scan	Date and Time:
Calcium Score	Date and Time:
Arterial Doppler, Venous, Carotid, ABI	Date and Time:
Renal/AAA	Date and Time:

Echocardiogram: No prep requirements for Echocardiogram

Nuclear Stress Test / PET Scan:

Time Allowance for: Nuclear- At least 3-4 hours. **PET-** At least 1-1.5 hours.

- 1. No caffeine, decaffeinated, or chocolate products for 24 hours prior to your test (including coffee, tea, and soft drinks).
- 2. Do not eat or drink (with the exception of water) for 4 hours prior to your scheduled test.
- 3. No smoking or tobacco products, including the nicotine patch for 4 hours prior to the scheduled time of your test.
- 4. Do not use Viagra, Cialis, or Levitra for 36 hours prior to the scheduled time of your test.
- 5. If you use an inhaler, please bring it with you.
- 6. Women should wear a two piece outfit and avoid wearing a dress. Men should wear a two piece outfit. Avoid metal buttons or snaps on top. Bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes or sneakers in the event they are needed.
- 7. For a **Nuclear Stress Test ONLY** No beta-blocker medicine for 24 hours.

Calcium Score: No prep requirements for Calcium Score

Arterial Doppler, Venous, Carotid, ABI: No prep requirements

Renal / AAA:

- 1. No food or drink by mouth starting at midnight the night before the test.
- 2. Take an over the counter medication such as Gas-X the night before and the morning of your test.
- 3. No chewing gum for 4 hours prior to the scheduled time of your test.

FOR ALL TESTING:

Only hold the medications you are instructed to hold the morning of testing. All other medications should be taken as normal with a sip of water.

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