

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ULTRASOUND



Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

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

DEPARTMENT: Heart and Vascular Center

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

An aortic ultrasound is an exam using an ultrasound probe and gel to view the main artery in the abdomen called the aorta. Abnormalities such as an aneurysm or a narrowing can be viewed and measured with this test. 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 pull your shirts up to expose your abdomen and to lie on your back.
- A sonographer will apply gel to your abdomen. The probe is moved over your abdomen and some pushing, and pressure will need to be applied. It is important to remain relaxed during the exam.
- You may hear your blood flowing while the exam is being done.
- Once the ultrasound is complete, you may wipe off any excess gel and go home unless you have additional testing scheduled.
- A doctor will interpret the exam and the report will be sent to your ordering doctor.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not eat, drink, chew gum or smoke 6-8 hours prior to exam. You may take your medications with small sips of clear liquid only.
- 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 20-45 minutes to complete.

AFTER THE EXAM: You may eat, drink, and resume normal activities after this exam.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-4229 Monday – Friday between 6 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. if you have questions.

The ordering doctor should receive the results within 2-4 business days after the completion of your exam. You should receive the results at your next doctor's appointment (if scheduled), or you can call your health care provider.

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 be scheduled or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. All exams require an order, written or electronic, from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building on the corner of Bedford avenue and 6th Street. Lot 3 parking is the closest car lot to the vascular lab. Limited handicap spaces are available near the Bedford main entrance. A shuttle service is available in the back of Lot 3 parking where an Aultman vehicle can shuttle you to the main entrance of the hospital. Shuttle service is available Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deck parking is available on 7th Street with currently no fee to park. For after hours or weekends, if you need assistance, you may call security services at 330-363-6268 to request assistance to and from your vehicle. This service is available 24/7.

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.

MEDICAL RECORDS

To obtain a copy of your test results, you can call 330-363-4244 or 330-363-3285. You can also email your requests to releaseofinformation@aultman.com