

**Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Canton

**DEPARTMENT:** Heart and Vascular Center

## SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A carotid ultrasound is an exam using an ultrasound probe and gel to view the carotid artery in both sides of your neck. This information can tell your doctor whether you have blockages that could prevent blood from going to your brain and could lead to a stroke. Ultrasound uses no radiation, dyes or needles.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- You will be asked a brief history related to the exam.
- A sonographer will apply gel to your neck. The probe is moved over your skin to produce a picture for the doctor. It is important to relax and remain still for this exam.
- You will hear your blood flowing while exam is being done.
- Once the ultrasound is complete, you may wipe off any excess gel and go home unless you have other testing scheduled.
- A doctor will interpret the exam and a report will be sent to your ordering doctor.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam, unless one has already been faxed from the doctor's office.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.

**LENGTH OF EXAM:** This exam takes about 20-30 minutes to complete.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:releaseofinformation@aultman.com)