



How a Remote-Assisted Echocardiogram works?

1. Scheduling the Echo:

- To schedule an echocardiogram with Franimal's, please provide at least two business days' notice.
- Appointments will be set with an arrival window between 9:00–10:00 AM.

2. Coordination with Oncura:

- Franimal's coordinates with Oncura to schedule a sonographer who will remotely guide the echocardiogram.
 - *A strong cellular signal or Ethernet connection is required for this process.*

3. Pre-Procedure Preparation:

- Franimal's will arrive 20–30 minutes before the scheduled sonographer call to set up.
- A small, square area behind each elbow will be shaved for optimal contact.
- We will assess the patient's emotional state together to decide if procedural sedation is necessary.
 - Pre-Visit Pharmaceuticals:
 - We strongly recommend giving pre-visit medications, such as gabapentin or trazodone, by mouth the night before and the morning of the procedure.
 - Patient Readiness:
 - If the patient is not prepared when the sonographer calls, the echocardiogram may need to be rescheduled. Ensure pre-visit medications are effective, and have a plan for procedural sedation (such as alfaxalone +/- butorphanol or butorphanol + midazolam), depending on the patient's condition.

4. Oncura Remote Sonographer Call:

- During the scan, an Oncura sonographer will connect remotely to assist Franimal's in obtaining the best possible image quality. Proper patient preparation is *crucial* to ensure a *successful* outcome.

- The sonographer remotely operates the ultrasound machine to achieve the highest diagnostic accuracy.

5. Imaging and Interpretation:

- Following the echocardiogram, Franimal's will attach any recent lab work, radiology reports, or blood pressure measurements, along with relevant medical history previously provided by the ordering veterinary clinic.
Additional records will not be reviewed unless a consultation is requested.
- The results will then be submitted to an Oncura cardiologist for interpretation.
A final report will be available within **2–3 business days**.

Cases Best Suited for Franimal's Echocardiogram:

- New or Progressive Murmur
- Pre-Anesthetic Evaluation
- Follow-up ECHOs
- Some arrhythmias (a referral to a cardiologist may still be recommended)

Cases **NOT** Best Suited for Franimal's Echocardiogram:

- Suspected Congenital Cardiomyopathy (*cats or dogs under 2 years of age*)
- Suspected Breed-Related Cardiomyopathy
- Most arrhythmias