



# How does an Oncura-Guided Echocardiogram with Franimal's work?

## 1. Scheduling the Echo:

- Schedule an echocardiogram with Franimal's, providing at least 2 business days notice.
- Appointments are set with an arrival window between 9-10:30 am.

## 2. Coordination with Oncura:

- Franimal's coordinates with Oncura to schedule a sonographer who will remotely guide the echocardiogram (must have a good cellular signal or ethernet connection).

## 3. Pre-Procedure Preparation:

- Franimal arrives 20-30 minutes before the scheduled sonographer call.
- We will shave a small, square window behind each elbow for optimal contact.
- Together, we can assess the patient's emotional state to determine the need for in-hospital pharmaceuticals.

### 3a. Pre-Visit Pharmaceuticals:

- Franimal strongly encourages pre-visit pharmaceuticals (e.g., gabapentin &/or trazodone) given the night before and the morning of the procedure.

### 3b. Patient Readiness:

- If the patient is not ready when the sonographer calls, the echo may need to be rescheduled.

- Ensure pre-visit pharmaceuticals are onboard, and have a plan for in-hospital pharmaceuticals (e.g., alfaxalone +/- butorphanol or butorphanol + midazolam) regardless of mentation.

## 4. Oncura Remote Sonographer Call:

- During the scan, an Oncura sonographer dials in to assist Franimal in obtaining the best possible image quality for the best possible outcome.
- The sonographer remotely operates the ultrasound machine to ensure the highest diagnostic yield.

#### 5. Imaging and Interpretation:

- After the echocardiogram, Franimal attaches to the imaging any recent lab work, radiology reports, or blood pressure measurements provided by the veterinary clinic via our online form.  
*Additional records will not be reviewed unless a consultation is requested.*
- These results are then submitted to an Oncura cardiologist for interpretation.
- Clients can expect a final report within 2 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 to Avoid Scheduling with Franimal's:

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