



Patient Information – Exercise One Day

Exercise Nuclear Stress (One Day)

Please allow 4 hours to complete this test

Overview:

This procedure is used as a tool for the detection of coronary (heart) artery disease. In order to obtain the images for this procedure, a small gauge IV will be inserted into either arm or hand. This IV will be used for all medications and nuclear imaging tracers. You will be imaged twice, first is the rest phase of the procedure and then the stress phase. Each set of images takes 15-20 minutes. The stress phase consists of exercising on a treadmill, with the treadmill increasing in elevation and speed every three minutes. This is a maximal stress test so you will exercise until you are unable to continue. Your electrocardiogram, blood pressure and heart rate will be monitored during and after the exercise.

Preparation: **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR YOUR TEST MAY BE RESCHEDULED**

- Do not eat for four hours prior to the test.
- If you are scheduled after **12:00 p.m.**, please eat a fatty meal 4 hours **before** your scheduled test.
- If you are diabetic and/or on insulin: Eat, **take ½ your insulin dose** and bring a snack.
- Do not eat or drink anything caffeinated or de-caffeinated for **12 hours** prior to your study. This includes coffee, decaf coffee, tea, decaf tea, sodas, and chocolate.
- Do not take any medications that have caffeine including Excedrin, Anacin, Darvon, etc.
- Do not drink any fluid **one hour** prior to the test.
- Drink as much water as you can the day prior to hydrate your system
- Theophylline, Persantinen and Aggrenox should be avoided 48 hours prior to testing.
- Take your daily medications except for the below list of Beta Blockers.
- Avoid the following BETA BLOCKERS for 48 hours prior to testing:

Atenolol/Tenormin/Tenoretic	Toprol/Metoprolol/Lopressor	Carvedilol/Coreg
Propranolol/Inderal	Sotalol/Betapace/Labatolol	Timolol/Blocadren.

Bisoprolol/Zebeta/Ziac Nadolol/Corgard/Corzide Bystolic/ Nebivolol/Timolide

What to wear: Please wear a loose, comfortable, cotton t-shirt. Please do not wear nylon shirts or undershirts. **Please no metal buttons, no jewelry and perfumes or lotions.** Please wear comfortable walking shoes and no flip-flops or open toed shoes. ****Women Only**** No dresses please.

What to bring: Please bring a **fatty snack**, such as chips, cookies, etc. and your preferred choice of **caffeinated soda**. You will need to have your snack and soda after the stress portion of the test.

Please bring a sweater as our rooms tend to be cool and books or magazines to keep you busy during the 4 hours.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time; this is especially important as the nuclear medication can decay over time. If you are scheduled at 7:00 a.m. arrive 15 minutes early only.

**** Please call our office if you have any questions regarding your test preparation****

Insurance Co-Payments: All patients, except those with Medicare only, please verify your co-payment for this test with your insurance company prior to your appointment. Call member services (the phone number is on your insurance card) and verify the dollar amount of your co-payment required. Co-payments for a diagnostic test may differ from office visit co-payments. This amount can vary from \$0-\$200 per test or may be a percentage of the actual cost of the test. The contract that you have with your insurance carrier determines this amount. Our office has no influence on the amount owed at the time of service.

****Please call the office with any insurance questions****

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to show or cancel this test with a 24-hour or more notice may result in a \$100 fee.



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