Cardiac Ultrasound Locations
Miller Regional Heart Center
Reading Hospital
420 S. Fifth Avenue
West Reading, PA 19611

Miller Regional Heart Center
Cardiac Testing
1320 Broadcasting Road, Suite 100
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Miller Regional Heart Center
Cardiac Testing
31 Industrial Drive, Suite 150
Hamburg, PA 19526

Date: ____________________________
Time: ____________________________

Checking In – Reading Hospital
Directions: The Miller Regional Heart Center at Reading Hospital is located on the 1st floor of N-Building at our West Reading campus. You can access N-Building from 5th Avenue at the traffic light. This driveway is marked with a large sign that indicates parking for the 5th Avenue Parking Garage.

Parking: For FREE valet parking, patient drop-off, or assistance, follow the driveway to the valet station. The station will be marked in blue. Our valets wear blue shirts.

If you prefer to park your own car: Instead of going straight to the valet station, make the first left into the 5th Avenue Garage. Proceed up one level. Park in ANY “Reserved Parking - Patients Only” parking spot.

Entrance: Our Valet will direct you to the Security Desk. A Security Officer will help you find the Miller Regional Heart Center registration. If parked on your own, look for the Miller Regional Heart Center entrance which connects with level 1 of the garage. Check in at the Security Desk. Our Security Officer will point you to the Miller Regional Heart Center registration.

Checking In – Broadcasting Road
Parking: Park in the lot by the main entrance to the building.
Entrance: Miller Regional Heart Center Cardiac Testing is on the first floor, Suite 100.

Checking In – Hamburg
Parking: Park in the lot by the main entrance to the building.
Entrance: Miller Regional Heart Center Cardiac Testing is on the first floor, Suite 100.

Check In: Check in with the front desk when you arrive. You will verify personal and health plan information.

Important Telephone Numbers
Billing Office 484-628-5820
• Call if you have any questions about your bill.

Patient Advocate 484-628-8663
• Let us know how you felt about your experience at Miller Regional Heart Center.

Call 9-1-1 if you have a life-threatening emergency.
Your doctor has scheduled you for a special type of study – a cardiac ultrasound, also called an echocardiogram. This brochure explains the procedure so you know what to expect.

About Cardiac Ultrasounds
Cardiac ultrasound provides your doctor with an opportunity to study your heart by directing sound waves through your body. A specialized instrument, called a transducer, is held on various areas of your chest, including the breast area. This transducer emits sound waves which create images of your heart’s structure and movement that can be viewed on a monitor.

Preparation
No special preparation is required before this procedure. You may eat and drink as usual. Please be sure to take all medications according to your normal schedule.

Please allow an hour and fifteen minutes for your appointment.

A note for parents: if your child is very young, please bring a bottle or pacifier with you. Also, please dress your young child in a button-down top – “no onesie” – so we have easy access to your baby’s chest. For older children, you may wish to bring a favorite toy or a DVD. These items may help relieve your child’s anxiety about the test.

Registration
When you arrive at Miller Regional Heart Center, please check in at the registration desk to verify personal and health benefits information.

Procedure
After you are registered, you will be asked to change into an examination gown.

Next, you will be taken into the exam room, and be helped onto the examination table. At this time, the cardiac ultrasound technologist will answer any questions you may have regarding the procedure.

Once you are comfortably settled, the technologist will apply some warm gel to your chest. This gel helps the transducer move easier and record sharper images of your heart.

You may experience mild discomfort from the pressure applied to obtain the best results. You will also notice that the lights in the room will be turned low during the study to provide a better view of the screen.

For some patients, an intravenous, or IV, line to administer an echo image enhancer may be started to improve the quality of the image.

Once the study begins, it is important for the technologist to concentrate on you and the equipment. So we must ask that talking at this point be kept to a minimum.

When the study is done, the technologist will be happy to answer any other questions you may have. Please note that the technologists do not read the studies, so they cannot tell you the results.

Follow-Up
A cardiologist – a physician specializing in the study and care of the heart – will review your study. The results will be sent to your doctor, who will discuss the findings with you at your next appointment.

If you have any questions, or need to cancel your appointment, please call 484-628-8611.