


<b>Name of Policy:</b> Serious Test Results <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-106-05 <b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief Executive Officer-UTMC <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Director of Cardiovascular Services <b>Scope:</b> University of Toledo Medical Center		 <b>Effective date:</b> 1/8/2025 <b>Original effective date:</b> 3/2010	
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**(A) Policy Statement**

When a significant, yet not critical result, is noted during or after a Heart and Vascular Center procedure, the technologist or nurse will notify the ordering physician or the attending cardiologist on call.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To allow for identification and necessary treatment of serious, yet not life-threatening conditions.

**(C) Procedure**

During or following a procedure, if a serious, non-life-threatening result is noted, the nurse or technologist will initiate the following:

1. Inpatients: notify the ordering physician or the cardiologist on call or the registered nurse in charge of the patient.
2. Outpatients, detain the patient, if possible, and notify the ordering physician or a registered nurse in the physician's office. If the patient's physician's office is closed, the attending on Cardiology (MedIV) should be called. A cardiologist in the Heart and Vascular Center may also be called if available. If the patient refuses to wait, attempts to notify the patient's physician must continue until successful.
3. Serious, non-life-threatening test results and the appropriate turnaround time is defined as:
  - ECHO
    - Severely reduced heart function found during a routine echo that was not previously diagnosed (within 24 hours).
    - Severe aortic stenosis not previously diagnosed (within 24 hours). Notification within 4 to 8 hours
  - ECG
    - New onset of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter within 2 hours
    - Sustained supraventricular tachycardia within 2 hours
    - High grade 2<sup>nd</sup> degree AV block without 2 hours

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