


Name of Policy: <u> Serious Test Results </u> Policy Number: 3364-106-05 Department: Heart Station & Cardiology Clinic Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer - UTMC Responsible Agent: Director Cardiovascular Services Scope: University of Toledo Medical Center Heart and Vascular Center	 Effective Date: 3/2022 Initial Effective Date: 3/2/2010
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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 2nd degree AV block without 2 hours
4. Documentation for each area reporting serious test results will be in the Heart and Vascular Center Critical Test Results Folder located in the Z drive of our computers as well as:
 - Echo: on the computerized Echo tech worksheet under the section: Echo tech comments.
 - EKG: on the computerized ECG tech worksheet under the section

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