


Name of Policy: STAT Echocardiograms (During Heart and Vascular Center Hours) Policy Number: 3364-106-E03 Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer-UTMC Responsible Agent: Director of Cardiovascular Services Scope: University of Toledo Medical Center		 Effective date: 1/8/2025 Original effective date: 12/1992	
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(A) Policy Statement

STAT echocardiograms during working hours need to be authorized through the cardiologist reading echocardiograms for the day.

(B) Purpose of Policy

The purpose of the policy is to provide Echo coverage for STAT echocardiograms.

(C) Procedure

1. During Heart Station hours, the unit requesting the STAT echocardiogram will call the Heart Station Echo Lab.
2. The physician ordering the STAT echocardiogram will notify the cardiologist reading echocardiograms for the day and will obtain authorization for a STAT echocardiogram to be performed.
3. The cardiologist will notify the Heart Station Echo Lab.
4. After performing the STAT echocardiogram, the technologist will notify the cardiologist of its completion.

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