

Gated Cardiac Scan (MUGA)

Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Before the Exam:

- Take your regular medicines unless your provider gives you other instructions.
- You may eat and drink as you normally do.
- Do not wear any metal above the waist.
- If you are experiencing a cough at the time of exam, please bring cough suppressants/drops.
- Tell your provider if you are breastfeeding, pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

During the Exam:

- The technologist will start an intravenous (IV) line in your arm or hand.
Three ECG patches will be placed on your chest.
- The technologist may or may not draw blood from your arm or hand.
- You will receive an injection of a radioactive material through the IV.
- You will lie on your back on the imaging table.
- Images will be taken of your heart with a special camera. This will take about 20 to 30 minutes.
- You **MUST** lie still during the images.
- The exam takes about 1 hour.

After the Exam:

- The IV and ECG patches will be removed.
- You may return to your normal activities.
- Your provider's office will contact you with the exam results.

**If you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment,
or have questions regarding this test, please call 507-385-3955.**

**Nuclear Medicine is located at our Main Street location on first floor.
Please check in at our Cardiology department.**