STANDARDIZED PROCEDURE

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC STRESS TEST-DOBUTAMINE STRESS ECHO

These procedures are intended to describe procedures performed by Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives (depending on the clinical privileges granted to the individual practitioner) at UC San Diego Health.

I. Policy:

The nurse practitioner is authorized to initiate, perform, alter or discontinue a Dobutamine Stress Echo for UCSDMC patients. The nurse practitioner is able to function with remote supervision within UCSDMC Cardiac Non-Invasive Lab or any setting affiliated with UCSDMC Cardiology Service for which competencies have been validated.

II. Protocol:

Definition: Dobutamine stress Echo is a procedure used to evaluate cardiovascular disease. This test will be done according to the policy and procedures of the Cardiac Non-Invasive Lab.

Data Base: May include but not limited to:

Subjective - Relevant history of past or present illness, surgical history, medication history, social history, family history, allergies, relevant review of systems, and relevant diagnostic procedures.

Objective - Physical exam relevant to pre-procedure screening of the cardiac diagnostic procedure, 12 lead EKG, baseline echocardiogram, pertinent laboratory data including, but not limited to: cardiac enzymes, myoglobin, routine hematological and biochemical tests, and previous/relevant cardiac diagnostic tests.

Diagnosis: Assessment will be dependent upon data derived from subjective and objective data base. If diagnosis is not clear, a list of differential diagnosis will be provided. Diagnosis or diagnoses will be developed based upon and not limited to:

Subjective - Patient symptoms.

Objective - Heart rate, blood pressure, EKG, maximum predicted heart rate, exercise capacity and echocardiographic findings.

Plan:

I. Evaluate patient during pre-procedure screening for contraindications to cardiac stress testing and allergies to medications used during procedure.
II. Educate the patient about the procedure.
III. Establish IV access for Dobutamine infusion.
IV. Monitor patient, vital signs, electrocardiography and echocardiography findings during stages of Dobutamine infusion and recovery phases
V. A preliminary impression will be documented on the preliminary report form for Dobutamine Stress Test.

VI. Describe preliminary findings to the patient.
VII. Report abnormal findings to a physician or referring provider.
VIII. Initiate follow-up evaluation for the patient when indicated.

Record Keeping: Each patient contact will be recorded on a UCSDMC System approved form. Pre-procedure evaluation of outpatients will be documented on the outpatient procedure H&P short form. Preliminary impressions will be documented on the stress echo worksheet. Further documentation for emergency department or admitted patients may be done on the approved UCSDMC interdisciplinary report fonn.

III. Requirements for the Nurse Practitioner

All general policies for the experience, training, education, initial evaluation, and ongoing evaluation are'in effect for this standardized procedure.

IV. Guidelines for the Nurse Practitioner

A. Echocardiographic stress test patients may include, but are not limited to:

- UCSDMC new patients referrals
- UCSDMC established patient referrals
- Outside referrals.

B. Echocardiographic stress test patients may include patients from ambulatory and inpatient settings.

C. Cardiology nurse practitioner may supervise echocardiographic cardiac stress

V. RESPONSIBILITY

Please contact the Advanced Practice Council if you need help. The administrative assistant for the Chief Nursing Officer can direct you. Call: 619-543-3438.

VI. HISTORY OF PROCEDURE

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