

## Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Echocardiograms and Transesophageal Echocardiograms

The following questions can help you talk to your physician about echocardiograms, transesophageal echocardiograms, and intracardiac echocardiograms. **Print out or write down these questions and take them with you to your appointment.** Taking notes can help you remember your physician's response when you get home.

## **Echocardiogram**

- What can an echocardiogram tell us about my heart?
- What happens next if the echocardiogram reveals a potential problem?

## Transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE)

- What can a transesophageal echocardiogram tell us about my heart?
- What are the possible benefits for me of TEE?
- Do I need to have an empty stomach before the procedure? Should I withhold any of my medications? Are there any medications that I will need to take?
- What happens next if TEE reveals a potential problem?
- What are my individual risks associated with having a TEE test?