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# **Exercise Treadmill Test Instructions**

#### What is it?

The Exercise Treadmill Test evaluates your heart and blood pressure as you walk and run. You will be exercising on a treadmill to maximum exertion.

### When should I arrive?

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time to complete any paperwork.

## How do I prepare for the test?

- You will be more comfortable if you do not eat or drink for 3 hours before the test
- Wear comfortable clothes for walking and running
- Shoes should be appropriate for running. No sandals, flip-flops, or heels.
- Please bring a towel and a water bottle
- Do not apply <u>lotion or cream</u> to your chest or abdomen on the day of the test

## What about my medications?

You should take all of your usual medications, with a few exceptions.

The following medications can slow down your heart rate and interfere with the test. These medications should **not** be taken within 24 hours of your appointment:

Metoprolol
Carvedilol
Bisoprolol
Atenolol
Bystolic
Propranolol
Labetalol
Sotalol
Nebivolol

If you are unsure about whether to take a medication, please call our office to review your medication list with one of our nurses prior to the day of your test. (713) 790-0400.