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# *Patient Instructions*

*Department of Radiology*

*(217) 366-1285*

## **DUPLEX CAROTID ULTRASOUND PROCEDURE**

**Patient Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Appointment** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of Appointment** \_\_\_\_\_

You are scheduled for a duplex carotid artery study. Please report to the Patient Check-In Desk located on the first floor of Christie Clinic at 1801 W. Windsor Rd. in Champaign. After checking in, please proceed to the Radiology Department also located on the first floor. Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to your appointment time.

*If you are unable to keep your appointment, please cancel at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment time by calling (217) 366-1285.*

### **What does this procedure show?**

This procedure assesses the major arteries of the neck looking for blockage and/or abnormalities of the vessel walls.

### **How do I prepare for the procedure?**

No special preparation is required.

### **What will happen during the procedure?**

You will be asked to lie down on an exam table. A small ultrasonic probe will be placed on your neck. A lotion or gel will be used on the probe while the arteries are being examined. This procedure is not painful. After the test is completed you may resume normal daily activities.

### **How long will the procedure take?**

The procedure takes approximately thirty minutes.

### **How do I get results of the procedure?**

- Your physician will contact you by phone or mail as soon as your test results are received and reviewed.
- Please return for a follow-up appointment with:

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

*If you have not received your results within one week following this procedure, please contact your physician's office.*