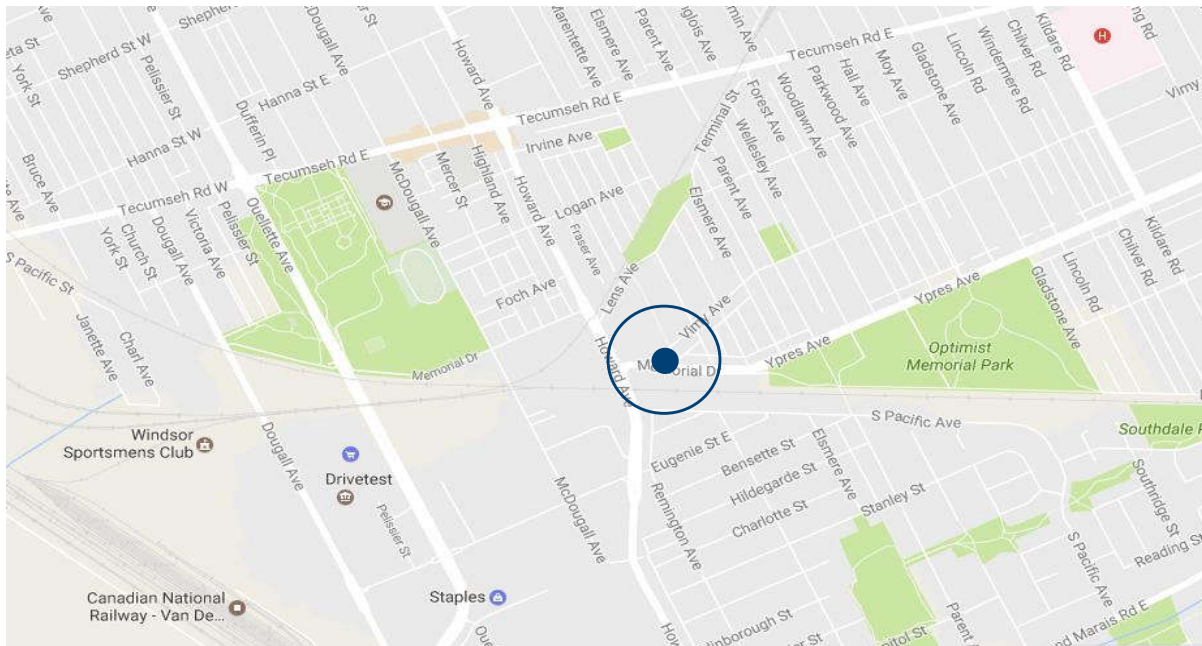


DIRECTIONS

WINDSOR HEART INSTITUTE & DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST PREPARATION

ECHOCARDIOGRAM

An ultrasound that provides images of the heart's valves and chambers.

Time: approximately 30 - 45 minutes.

- Do not rub any creams or lotion on your chest prior to appointment.

EXERCISE STRESS ECHO

A resting echocardiogram that will be performed prior to exercise on a treadmill and at peak exercise; this test is frequently done to assess for coronary artery disease.

Time: approximately 30 - 45 minutes.

- Light meal prior to exercise stress test.
- Wear light comfortable clothing and running shoes.
- Consult with your ordering physician about holding your heart medications prior to testing.

ELECTRONIC LOOP AND HOLTER MONITOR

Devices that record the electrical activity of your heart for a specified period of time in order to detect abnormal heart rhythm. You will be instructed how to remove the device prior to a shower.

- Do not rub any creams or lotion on your chest prior to appointment.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAM

This test is done to assess the electrical activity of the heart at one single point in time (10 seconds).

Time: approximately 15 minutes.

- Do not rub any creams or lotion on your chest prior to appointment.

BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR

During a 24-hour period a blood pressure cuff is worn and blood pressure is monitored regularly throughout the duration.

- You will not be able to shower while wearing this monitor.
- Be sure to wear comfortable clothing.

Fee: \$25 charge

Some insurance companies will reimburse a portion, or all of the charge, as it is not covered by OHIP.