

CARDIOVERSION INSTRUCTIONS

You have been scheduled to have an electrical cardioversion. The purpose of this procedure is to attempt to restore a more normal heart rhythm.

- ♥ We will discuss with you the medications you can or cannot take on the day of the test. Bring all of your current medications to the hospital.
- ♥ Do not eat or drink anything after the midnight before the procedure.
- ♥ Wear comfortable clothing with a separate top and bottom.
- ♥ An intravenous line will be started through which you will receive a sedative during the procedure.
- ♥ You will be sleepy after the procedure and will not be able to drive home. Have a friend or family member bring you to the hospital and be sure that your friend or family member can drive you home.
- ♥ Do not drive or make any major decisions until the day following the procedure.
- ♥ You may eat after the procedure as soon as you are comfortable and alert.

You may notice minor skin irritation where the electrical pads were placed during the procedure. This irritation should go away within a couple of days.

We are pleased to answer your questions or discuss your condition with other health care professionals.