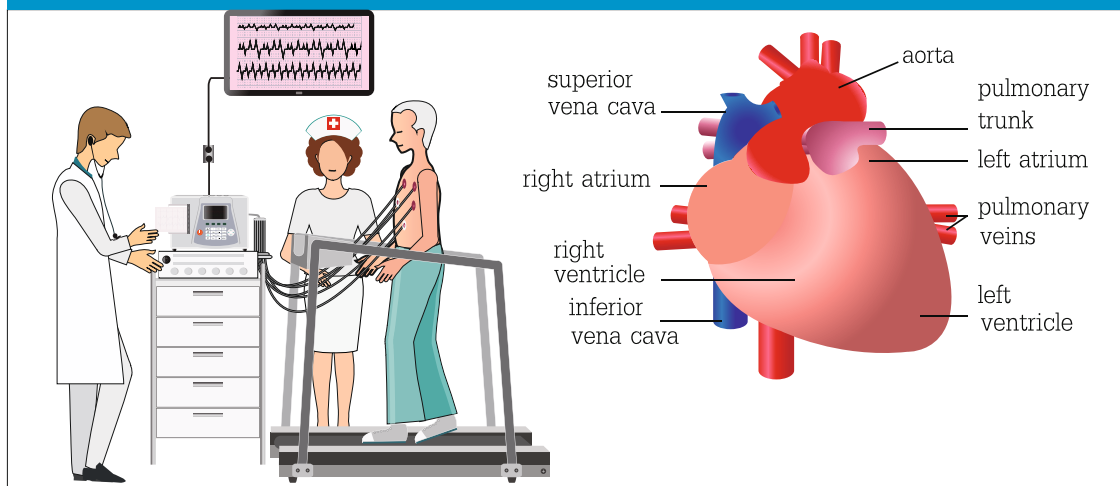


TREADMILL TEST

Measures how well the heart works when it is beating fast and working hard. A stress test helps doctors see if the heart is getting enough blood during these times.



1. Avoid eating, drinking or smoking 3 hours prior.
2. You can continue your regular medications but if you are on any heart medicines, you may need to change or stop some of them before the test, which your doctor will advise.
3. You must wear loose comfortable cloths, shoes & avoid wearing any metallic Jewellery / ornaments / belt etc.
4. Male patients are required to shave off excessive chest hair before arriving for the test.
5. The test usually takes around 30 minutes.
6. You need to change into a hospital gown and also remove ornaments / purse / belt etc.
7. Mobile phones need to be on silent mode.
8. Prior to procedure, the technician will disinfect the chest area, apply gel and then place the electrodes.
9. The technician will then explain & demonstrate how to walk on the treadmill.
10. The technician will monitor your BP and ECG, while you walk on the treadmill, and regularly check how you are feeling. The test will end when you are tired or when the ECG shows abnormalities.
11. You will be asked to rest for 4 minutes and BP as well as ECG will be recorded again.
12. The technician will gently remove the electrodes one by one and wipe off excess gel on the chest with cotton and tissues.
13. A few patients may experience abnormal heartbeat, trouble in breathing and feel dizzy, which will subside in some time.
14. The report will be issued within 15 minutes, post procedure, by the technician.