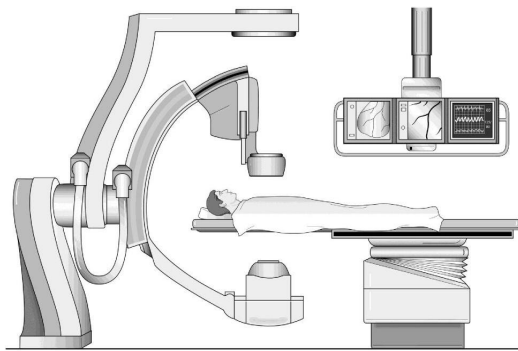


Right Heart Catheterization

Right heart catheterization is a test to check the right side of your heart. The right side of the heart receives blood from the body and pumps it to the lungs. The blood picks up oxygen in the lungs and the blood pumps back into the heart.

In the Cath Lab

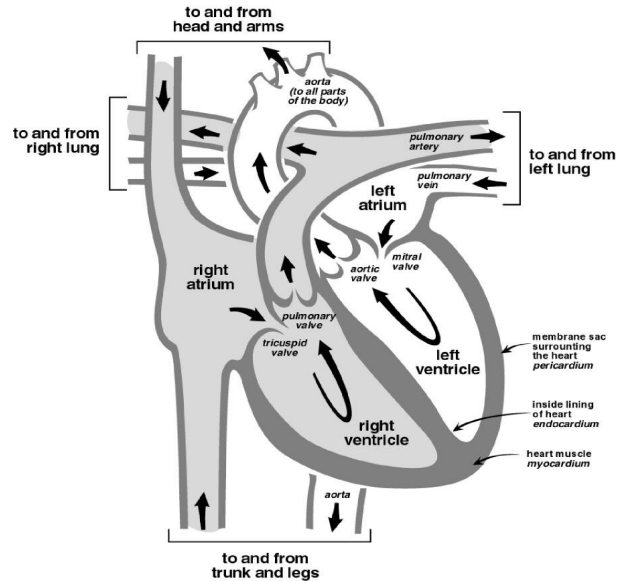


The test checks the blood pressure and oxygen levels in your lungs and heart. It also checks how well your heart is pumping.

During The Test

- You may get medicine to help you relax.
- You will get a shot to numb the skin where the catheter goes in.
- A doctor will insert a thin, flexible tube (catheter) into a blood vessel in your groin, arm or neck.
- The doctor moves the catheter through the blood vessel into your heart and out to your lungs.
- The test usually takes about 30 to 60 minutes.

The Heart and How it Works



After The Test

- You may stay in bed for several hours.
- You may or may not need to stay in the hospital overnight.
- You will get more instructions for what to do at home.

Follow-up care is a key part of your treatment and safety.

Be sure to make and go to all appointments. It's also a good idea to know your test results and keep a list of the medicines you take.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 8/2024. University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#6389.