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### Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE)

A Transesophageal Echocardiogram (TEE) is a special type of ultrasound test that provides clear images of your heart's structure and function. Unlike a standard echocardiogram, which places the ultrasound transducer on the chest, the TEE uses a flexible tube (probe) with a transducer that is gently guided down your esophagus (the tube connecting your mouth to your stomach), placing it directly behind your heart. This proximity allows for highly detailed pictures that help doctors diagnose and evaluate various heart conditions.

Office Instructions for TEE Preparation:

- Nothing to eat after midnight the night before the procedure.
- Stop Xarelto and Eliquis 24 hours prior to the procedure. Consult your prescribing physician before stopping any medication.
- **Diabetes Medication:** If you are diabetic, do not take your oral diabetes medication or insulin the day of your procedure unless specifically instructed otherwise by your doctor.