What You Need to Know:
Cardiac Diagnostic Tests

Cardiac tests help determine
- if you have cardiovascular disease
- the type of disease
- the severity
- the best treatment.

Blood work, tests that study the heart during exercise, scans and X-rays, and invasive procedures that look inside a vein or artery are different cardiac diagnostic tests.

NONINVASIVE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

Exercise stress test with an ECG
Sensors are attached to your chest to measure how your heart responds to exercise.

Exercise stress test with an ECG plus medicine
Similar to a regular stress test with ECG, but medicine is also given to patient.

SPECT scan
A nuclear imaging test in which dye is mixed in your bloodstream, utilized to examine normal blood flow and blockages in your heart at rest.

PET scan
A nuclear imaging test in which dye is mixed with your bloodstream, which can show in detail a blockage and dead heart muscle tissue.

Cardiac MRI
A test that can produce a 2- or 3-dimensional image to show the structure of your heart, without any dye or medication.

CT perfusion
A new exam that can show dead heart muscle, or blockage in your heart, quicker than a SPECT or PET scan.

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