



## Heart Care Partners News December 2006



The Doctors and staff at Heart Care Partners would like to wish you all well during the Festive Season. We look forward to working with you in the future care of your patients by providing the Best Care and Best Service in Cardiovascular Medicine.

### Why should I use Stress Echo - Dr Ben Fitzgerald

Stress echocardiography is a safe, effective and readily available test for the detection of coronary artery disease. It is more specific for a diagnosis of obstructive coronary artery disease than regular treadmill testing. It significantly reduces the chance of a false positive test – a particular problem in women.

In addition stress echo. has the bonus of providing important information regarding the structure, function, and haemodynamics of your patient's heart, as well as the stress test data.

An assessment of the patient's exercise capacity is also obtained. As with a regular treadmill stress test, prognostic information depends on the exercise duration and workload achieved by the patient. For patients who cannot exercise on a treadmill we use dobutamine to provide physiological stress.

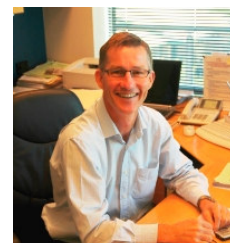
In comparison to nuclear stress testing –

- **stress echo** is as accurate
- provides **additional** structural and haemodynamic information
- **DOESN'T** involve radiation exposure to the patient
- gives **immediate results** to the patient
- is performed by a cardiologist who is a **clinician**
- is more **cost effective** to the health care system

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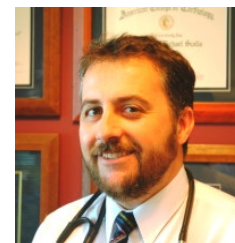
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*Our vision is to provide the Best Care and Best Service!*

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Dr Stephen Cox



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## Why should I choose Heart Care Partners (HCP)?

HCP is a group of expertly trained Cardiologists who provide you and your patients with the best care and diagnostic services available. All our stress Echocardiologists trained at internationally renowned institutions. Only with the best training and extensive experience can reliable results be obtained.

All of our centres provide non-invasive testing AND consulting - convenient for your patients.

With our Stress echos, we assess the resting function of the heart, including valvular function and haemodynamics, as well as regional wall motion. This value added service is provided with every HCP stress echo.

We can usually perform a Stress Echo for your patients within days. If you feel the test is more urgent - we welcome your call. Speak to one of the Echocardiologists – 38704144. We will do our best to prioritise your patient !

### Clinic times over Christmas

Heart Care Partners will continue to be available throughout the Christmas - New Year period for both consultations and testing. During Christmas week testing will be at:

The Wesley Hospital  
Greenslopes Private Hospital  
**CALL 38704144**



Visit our website—

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Wesley Consulting - 38588600

Wesley Testing Centre - 38704144

Greenslopes Consulting & Testing - 33943100

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