Heart Station: Non-invasive Diagnostic Cardiology

Educational Purpose and Rationale

The thoracic surgery resident will become familiar with the performance and interpretation of echocardiographic procedures, treadmill tests, Holter monitoring, 12-lead ECG's, and to have a basic understanding of imaging modalities as they apply to the field of cardiothoracic surgery.

At the conclusion of the rotation the resident will be able to:

- 1. Interpret echocardiographic anatomy for both transthoracic and transesophageal studies
- 2. Describe the fundamental protocols for commonly used exercise and pharmacologic stress tests and understand appropriate test selection
- 3. Interpret EKG's
- 4. Describe myocardial viability assessment using nuclear or MR imaging