

About Your Bill

Echocardiogram or “echo”

We want to help you understand your bill from Seattle Children's Hospital. Here are answers to common questions about charges for echocardiograms, also called an “echo.”

What are the charges I see on my bill?

When your child has an echo, you will see these charges on your bill:

1. **Provider Services:** includes the doctor's services to interpret the echo results.
2. **Facility Charges:** includes supplies, equipment and staff the hospital provides to perform the echo. There are typically 3 facility charges for an echo:
 - **Transthoracic 2-D imaging:** shows the size, structure and function of the heart.
 - **Spectral Doppler imaging:** provides information about the speed of blood flow in and around the heart.
 - **Color Doppler imaging:** shows information about the direction of blood flow in and around the heart.

To Learn More

- Billing and Insurance
206-987-5770
- Financial Assistance
206-987-3333
- www.seattlechildrens.org

The total charges for an echo exam range from \$3,700 to \$4,400. The amount you owe depends on your insurance plan including your deductible, copay, and coinsurance.

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.

Who do I call with questions about my bill?

Billing and Insurance at 206-987-5770, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

What if I am unable to pay?

Contact our financial counselors at 206-987-3333, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. They can talk with you about options to pay for hospital care, including financial assistance.

Seattle Children's Financial Assistance is for patients younger than 21 whose primary residence is in Washington, Alaska, Montana or Idaho and who meet income requirements. It is based on family size and income, and you may qualify even if you have insurance. Ask for an application at any Seattle Children's location or visit www.seattlechildrens.org/financialassistance.

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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