

# CENTRAL FLORIDA HEART CENTER

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## CAROTID ARTERY DUPLEX SCAN

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

An appointment has been made for you at CENTRAL FLORIDA HEART CENTER, on:

DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

for your Carotid Artery Duplex Scan.

The carotid arteries are located in the neck between the collar bone and jaw line. Each side consists of a common carotid artery which divides into an internal and external carotid artery. The carotid artery duplex scan is one of the family of ultrasound tests that allows your physician to look at this arterial network.

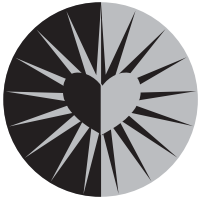
Atherosclerosis is a process whereby plaque of both calcific and/or fatty nature are deposited in the arteries of the body. When these deposits are located in the carotid arteries, they have the potential of causing the patient great harm. The information provided by this test allows the reading physician to assess the location, type and severity of any and all atherosclerotic changes in these arteries.

During the test, the technologist will drape a towel around your neck and use a transducer or "sound camera" to take pictures of your arteries while you recline in a comfortable position on your back.

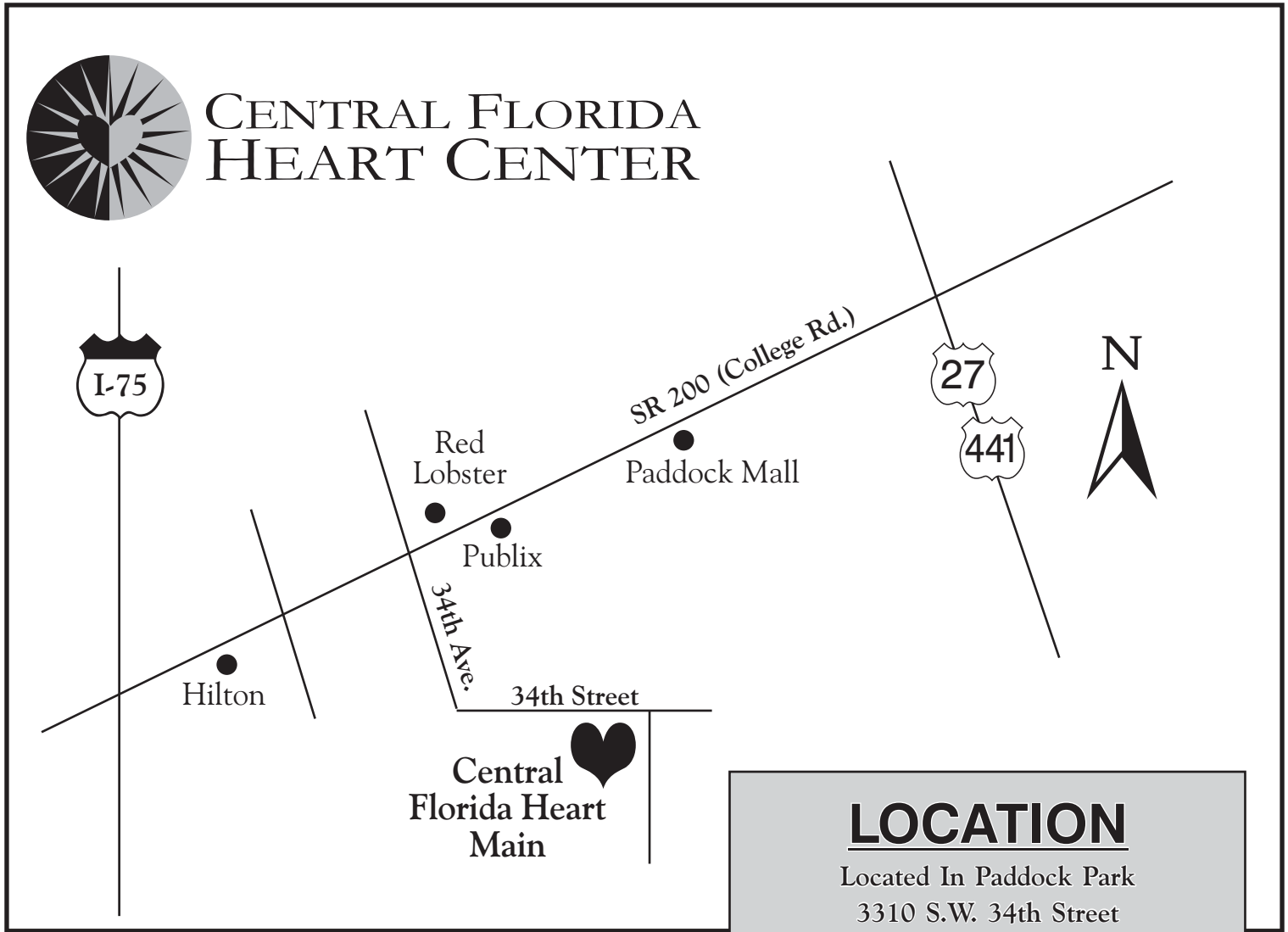
Painless, non-invasive and highly informative, this test is an invaluable diagnostic tool for determining the causes of various symptoms, like fainting, dizziness, etc. The carotid ultrasound duplex scan is not only used for assessing the specific degree of known diseases, but also useful for evaluating symptoms of unknown causes.

This particular test takes approximately 45 minutes to perform. This test requires a physician's prescription and the results will be discussed with you by your physician.

**If you have any questions regarding the fees associated with this test, please feel free to contact the billing department at 873-0707.**



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## LOCATION

Located In Paddock Park  
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