Exercise Test Instructions

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TEST, OR CANNOT MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL (607) 252-3580.

You will be scheduled to complete a maximum effort exercise test; your performance depends upon adherence to these instructions.

• Do not perform heavy exercise in the 24 hours preceding your test.
• Do not drink alcohol for 12 hours preceding your test.
• Do not use caffeine (e.g., coffee) or nicotine (e.g., cigarettes) for three hours preceding your test.
• Do not eat for three hours preceding the test.
• Do not eat any food that may result in GI discomfort the day of the test.
• Avoid over-the-counter medications for the 12 hours preceding your test. (However, cancel appointment if you are ill and treat yourself accordingly; we can reschedule.)
• Wear comfortable clothing (shorts and T-shirt recommended) and sneakers. You will exercise at a high intensity and most likely perspire.
• You do not need to warm-up prior to testing. The initial stages of testing are sufficient warm-up.
• If bike testing, please bring your bike with you on test day. It will be connected to our Computrainer to provide incremental training load during testing.
• Males may need to have small sections of chest hair shaved to ensure sufficient contact with electrodes. Disposable safety razors are provided for this purpose.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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