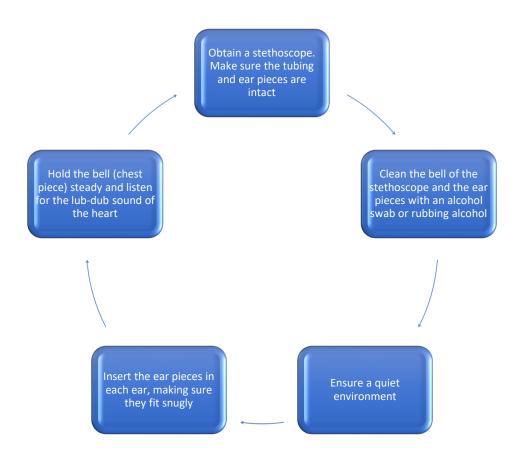
## Stethoscope

**Directions:** Use the following hand out to listen to the heart sounds.



## **Helpful Hints:**

- In cold weather, warm up the stethoscope with your hand before using it.
- Different heart sounds are best heard at different areas of a person's chest. Also, hearts sounds differ depending on the patient's position: i.e., sitting, standing, lying on one's side, etc.
- Don't talk into or tap the round part while you have the stethoscope in your ears. It might damage your hearing.