

Electrocardiogram (ECG)



An electrocardiogram (ECG) is a graph showing the electrical signals or activity of the heart. It is used to provide information about the heart's rhythm and rate.

What do I expect of the test?

This test is performed in the Diagnostic Cardiology Department, Clinic C- Level 1 of the Bendigo Hospital.

A series of sticky dots (electrodes) will be positioned across the chest and one on each arm and leg while lying down. Leads are attached to the dots and a recording of the heartbeat is taken.

The test will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Why do I need an ECG?

- Assess for known or suspected cardiac disease including symptoms of chest pain, shortness of breath, and other symptoms.
- This test may identify abnormalities in the heart muscle.

How to I prepare for the procedure?

- No preparation is required for this test, however wearing a shirt which can be unbuttoned or lifted is helpful.

When does my Doctor get my result?

A report with the results of your test will be written and sent to your referring doctor 5-7 working days from your test date.

If you have any further questions or concerns about your upcoming ECG, please discuss with your GP or phone the Diagnostic Cardiology Department on 5454 8017.

References:

- MonashHeart.org.au
- Heartfoundation.org.au
- www.bendigohealth.org.au



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