

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.

Text

- 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 do I prepare for the procedure?

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

References

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

Contact

Department – Diagnostic Cardiology

Phone – 5454 8017

Specific Practitioner / Patient Notes



The information in this brochure is for educational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for consultation with a doctor or health care professional