

ECG

Your Doctor has asked for the following test to be performed.

What to Expect

An electrocardiogram (called an ECG) can be performed by our trained collectors. You'll be asked to lie on an examining table or bed. Electrodes will be attached to your arms, legs and chest. The electrodes are sticky patches applied with a gel to help detect and conduct the electrical currents of your heart. If you have hair on the parts of your body where the electrodes will be placed, the technician may need to shave the hair so that the electrodes stick properly.

A standard ECG takes just a few minutes.

The electrodes are then removed and you can resume normal activities. An ECG doesn't involve medication or require recovery time. It is completely non-invasive, as the skin is in no way penetrated.

The ECG is a safe procedure with no known risks. It does not send electric current into the body. On occasion, you may be allergic or sensitive to the electrodes causing local skin irritation.

When completed, the trace will be transmitted to our specialist cardiologists for interpretation and reported back to your treating doctor.

Paying for your ECG

You will be bulk billed for your ECG if you are a:

- Pensioner
- Health care card holder
- DVA card holder
- Patient under the age of 18 years and over the age of 80

You will need to show your card to the collector at the time of the procedure to ensure you are bulk billed. If your card cannot be presented, you will receive an invoice in the mail.

Other patients will attract a fee, which is partially rebateable by Medicare.

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