

What is an Electrocardiogram (ECG)?

An electrocardiogram (ECG) is a simple test that examines the electrical conduction of the heart by looking at the heart rhythm.

How is an ECG done?

- The patient lies down on the bed and ten small electrodes are placed in certain areas on the chest, arms and legs.
- Wires are then attached to these electrodes and a ten second ECG is performed as the patient lies still.
- The ECG is quick and painless and generally only takes a couple of minutes.

How do I prepare for the test?

- There is no preparation for an ECG.

When will I receive my results?

The Technician who performs the procedure will arrange for a Cardiologist to review the results immediately. A report will be forwarded to your referring Doctor and this report will usually be available within 24-48 hours.

What do I need to bring to my ECG appointment?

Your **referral** from your GP or referring specialist (if it is not already held by us).