

INFORMATION LEAFLET

Electrocardiogram (ECG)

What is it?

An ECG is an electrical recording of the heart's activity. It is used to examine the heart rhythm and help identify underlying heart muscle abnormalities.



How is it performed?

Electrodes are attached to the chest and connected to an ECG machine that makes the recording. This is then printed out for analysis and a copy stored digitally.

How long does it take?

Just a few minutes.

Are there any risks?

None, although some chest hair may need removing.

What happens next?

Once you have your ECG recorded, it will be analysed and a report sent out, usually within seven days.