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An information guide



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Why have I been referred for an Electrocardiogram (ECG)?

You have been referred for an ECG because you have described symptoms such as palpitations, dizziness, fainting, chest pain or shortness of breath for example.

What is an ECG?

An electrocardiogram or ECG is a simple test which records the rhythm and electrical activity of your heart.

What will happen during my appointment?

You will be invited into a clinical room where you will be asked to undress to your waist. You will be offered a dignity gown.

You will be asked to lie on an examination couch and will have sticky pads called electrodes placed on your chest, arms and legs. It would be a good idea to wear something that would allow easy access to the bottom of your legs.

The physiologist will connect you to the ECG recorder by clipping leads onto the electrodes. You will be asked to relax and keep as still as possible whilst a recording is taken. The test only takes a few minutes.

After the test

The results will be sent to the consultant or GP who has requested the test.

Are there any risks?

There are no risks to having the test.

Should you require any further information Please ring 0161 624 0420 and ask for the Cardio-respiratory central booking department.

You will also be able to find more information at www.bhf.org.uk

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service

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