

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Self-fit multi-day ECG monitor

This leaflet gives you information about the test that has been booked for you.

What is a multi-day ECG monitor?

It is a small monitor with wires and stickers that you will wear for up to a week.

Why is it being done?

A multi-day monitor records your ECG or heart rhythm. This gives your doctor information about whether your heart rhythm is normal or abnormal.

What does it involve?

You will collect an envelope with an instruction sheet, diary sheet and monitor in it from the cardiovascular department (clinic 4).

The monitor will have three or four stickers attached to it and you should attach them to yourself as per the instructions in your pack. You will then need to wear the monitor for several days and take it off when indicated on your pack. Complete the diary sheet as instructed.

For the best results you will need to make sure the skin is clean and dry before applying the monitor. For patients with hairy chests, you may wish to shave the areas where you attach the monitor as this will give a better recording.

On the day of return, place the monitor and wires back in the envelope with your diary sheet and return it to the department it was collected from.

How do I collect the monitor?

There is no official appointment time. Just collect your monitor from the department on the date stated between 8am and 6pm and attach the monitor to yourself as soon as possible.

Can I carry out my normal activities?

Yes. We would like you to carry on with your daily routine as normal. Do not get the monitor wet.

Do I need to wear the monitor in bed?

Yes. The doctor wants to catch any symptoms you may have so it is important to wear it in the night.

Can I have a bath or shower?

Yes. You can disconnect the wires from the stickers so you are able to take a bath or shower, then click the wires back onto the sticker when you are dry. Do not get the monitor wet.

When will I be given the results?

The monitor will be analysed after you have returned it. Results will be passed onto the doctor who requested the test. You will be given the results at your next outpatient appointment.

If you were referred by your GP, make an appointment to see them once the surgery receives your results.

Can I return the monitor to a different hospital?

The monitor must be returned to the same clinic you attend for the collection. This is because we have a limited number of monitors and they need to be re-issued to other patients that need them.

Can I have the monitor fitted at a different hospital?

Yes. We have departments at Clinic 4 at **King's Mill Hospital**, and via the Eastwood Centre at **Newark Hospital**. Please call us if you would prefer to change your appointment.

Can someone else collect / return the monitor for me?

Yes. A friend or relative can collect and/or return your monitor for you.

What if I need hospital transport?

If you need hospital transport due to medical reasons you will need to arrange this by using one of the numbers below:

- Nottinghamshire/Leicester: 0345 266 9662
- Derbyshire: 0300 300 3434
- Lincolnshire: 0843 357 1556.

Contact details

Cardiorespiratory and Vascular
Department: **01623 672259**.

Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions

Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

King's Mill Hospital: 01623 672222

Newark Hospital: 01636 685692

Email: sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net.

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External websites may be referred to in specific cases. Any external websites are provided for your information and convenience. We cannot accept responsibility for the information found on them.

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