

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FAQs – PART 4

ELECTROCARDIOGRAM STATION

Q-1: What is tested at the Electrocardiogram (EKG) station?

A-1: An EKG measures heart rate, heart rhythm, and heart patterns.

Q-2: How is the EKG conducted?

A-2: While you are lying down, a health assessment technician will place a set of 10 adhesive electrodes on your chest, arms and legs. These electrodes are connected by wire to an electrocardiogram monitor. You may be required to remove any clothing that would interfere with the EKG, including clothing that covers the chest area. A half gown will be provided if you request one. You will be permitted to wear undergarments as long as your undergarments do not interfere with the EKG.

Q-3: What are some EKG test results that may require further evaluation?

A-3: Among other results, a deviation from a normal heart rate and/or a normal sinus rhythm may require additional follow up.