

## **EKG Electrocardiography exam**

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<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. The EKG helps us to determine whether your child might have certain heart problems. If your child has had a pacemaker implanted, we may use an EKG to monitor the pacemaker's function. We may also use an EKG to help us monitor the effectiveness of a heart medication your child is taking or to check his heart after he has had a heart procedure such as cardiac catheterization, heart surgery or an electrophysiology study
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS:</b>	None
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?</b>	The exam itself will take between 10-20 minutes. This time will vary and is patient dependant. If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	None
<b>PRECAUTIONS:</b>	None
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	Take medications as usual
<b>WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:</b>	An electrocardiogram or ECG allows us to measure the electrical activity in your child's heart. We perform an ECG by attaching electrodes (small patches) to your child's chest, arms and legs and connecting the electrodes to the ECG machine using lead wires. The ECG machine produces a printout or tracing that we examine to see if it varies from a normal tracing.