

POLICY TITLE: ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH

POLICY STATEMENT: Health Center will provide Electrocardiograph testing as deemed medically necessary.

PROCEDURE:

A. Purpose

1. To evaluate the cardiac status of patients presenting with symptoms
2. To obtain baseline cardiac function

B. Equipment

1. EKG machine
2. Electrodes
3. Gown

C. Steps

1. Wash hands
2. Explain the procedure to the patient
3. Ask the patient to remove shirt (bra) and apply gown allowing access to chest
4. Apply electrodes as per diagram (located on the EKG cart)
5. Connect EKG leads as per diagram
6. Turn machine on and enter patient information as requested
7. Run EKG strip
8. Allow the practitioner to review
9. Once approved, disconnect leads and remove electrodes
10. Instruct the patient to get dressed
11. Circle EKG on the encounter form