

Holter Monitor

The Holter monitor is worn to record your heart rate for 24 to 48 hours. The monitor is carried in your pocket or in a small pouch worn around your neck. You will be asked to record any signs you have while you wear the monitor, such as:

- Feeling dizzy
- Feeling faint
- Heart beating fast
- Feeling skipped heart beats

Arrive on time for your appointment.

To Prepare

- Shower or bathe before the start of the test. You will not be able to while wearing the monitor.

During the Test

- Small pads called electrodes are placed on your chest and attached to a monitor. For men, hair on your chest may need to be cut to place the pads. Tell the staff if you are allergic to tape.
- Do your normal activities.
- If you have any signs while wearing the monitor:
 - Push the button to record the time.
 - Write down what you were doing, such as watching TV, walking or eating.
 - Write down your signs, such as heart racing, dizzy or pain.

This lets your doctor compare your signs with the heart rate recorded by the monitor.

- When it is time to take the monitor off, gently take the pads off your chest.
- Return the monitor with your written notes to the hospital or office as directed.
- Test results are sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share the results with you.

Problems

- If a pad comes loose, remove it. Clean your skin and place a new pad on the same area. The wire snaps onto the new pad. Write this in your notes.
- If a wire comes off, snap it back on the pad. Write this in your notes.

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.