

Equipment

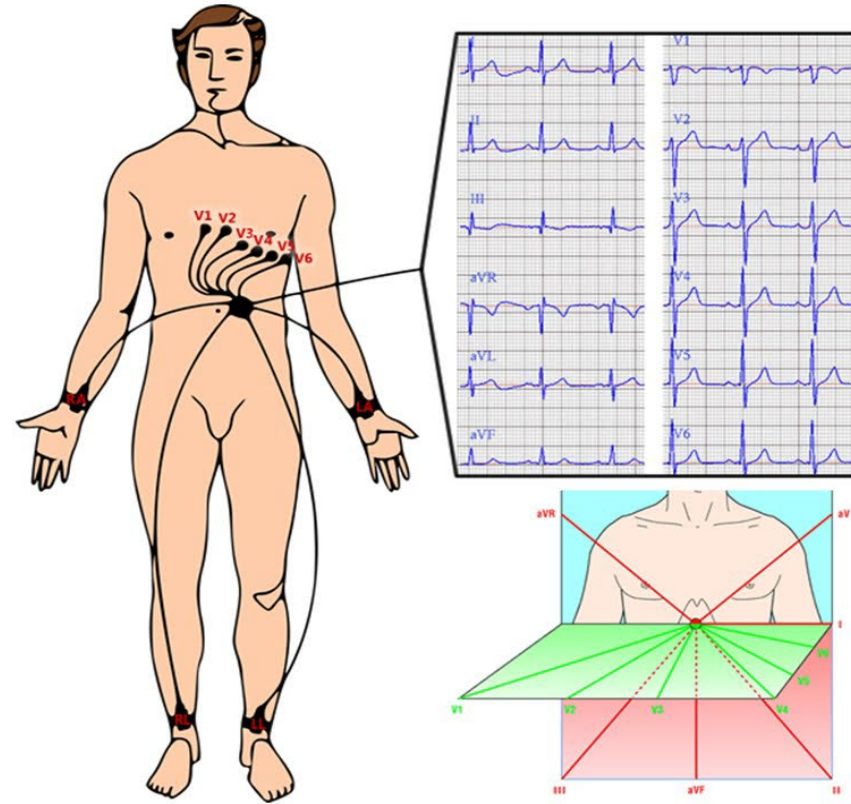
- ECG Machine

Procedure

- Ensure the recorder is in working order and that the annual safety and calibration checks are up to date
- Ensure all sundries are available i.e. razors, skin cleaners, exfoliating tape, adequate supply of ECG paper and electrodes.
- Arrange a room of ambient temperature with privacy/curtains
- Patients should be asked to remove clothing from above the waist and to wear the gown provided.
- Allow the patient to rest supine for 10 minutes.
- Assess the chest area for the need to remove hair and do so if necessary, using a razor.
- If necessary, cleanse the skin, dry, and exfoliate to ensure good adhesion of the electrodes.
- Apply electrode pads (see below)

ECG WPG (cont.)

- Print ECG
- Ensure date, patient name, CHI/hospital number and study ID number are printed or written on the ECG.
- A doctor delegated this task on the Delegation Log should review the ECG before randomisation of participant
- Doctor reviewing ECG should write any abnormal findings and actions taken in patient's medical notes.
- With the patient's consent their GP should be informed of any abnormal findings.
- File ECG in patient's medical notes as source data



- V1** - 4th intercostal space R sternal border
- V2** - 4th intercostal space L sternal border
- V3** - Between leads V2 and V4.
- V4** - 5th L intercostal space in midclavicular line
- V5** - Horizontally even with V4, but in the anterior axillary line.
- V6** - Horizontally even with V4 and V5 in the midaxillary line. (The midaxillary line is the imaginary line that extends down from the middle of the patient's armpit.)