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Surrey Heartlands Locally Commissioned Services 2024

SHLCS-A06-2024-	ECG
KEY ELEMENTS	 Perform 12-lead (ONLY) ECG testing in accordance with the Society for Cardiological Science and Technology's Approved Methodology for Recording a Standard 12-lead Electrocardiogram. ECGs can be performed by a wide variety of trained healthcare professions. A written procedure is required and agreed by the commissioner prior to service delivery- (see spec. for specifics). Reports will be provided within 72 hrs. Identification of patients eligible for an ECG will be made by a GP; NICE recommend doing an ECG in practice for those with chest pain/acute coronary syndrome. The decision to perform the test is at the absolute discretion of the primary care clinician. Interpretation of the results must be recorded in the patients notes with specific reference to the interpreting clinician. The ECG equipment must meet or exceed the requirements 60601-2-25 (2011.) Specific references to calibration, consumables and servicing are available; the responsibility lies with the practice.
OF SPECIAL NOTE	 Patients presenting with acute symptoms of myocardial infarction should be transferred immediately to A&E by calling 999. There is no requirement or obligation to perform a 12 lead ECG routinely as part of every referral to cardiology services. Practices are advised to refer to acutes if 12 lead ECG is inconclusive and more tests reqd. ECGs are not to be performed as part of pre-operative assessment. Practices are under no obligation to perform domiciliary ECGs.
RISKS	 There must always be a clinician on site when an ECG is being performed. Patient must not leave the building until a clinician has checked for any acute problems.
PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS	 Could be a service that lends itself to collaborative working. The providing practice will be responsible for any action required following an interpretation. Details of the results must be passed to the patients registered practice no longer than 5 days.
PRICING:	> 12 Lead ECG per patient - £28.45