

**Why this diary matters**

Your Holter monitor records your heart rhythm while you go about your normal day. A clear diary helps your doctor match symptoms and activities with the ECG recording. If you have symptoms, record the **exact time** whenever possible.

**PATIENT / STUDY DETAILS**

|                   |       |                    |       |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Patient name:     | _____ | DOB:               | _____ |
| Medicare No:      | _____ | Clinic:            | _____ |
| Referring doctor: | _____ | Connected by:      | _____ |
| Start date/time:  | _____ | Monitoring period: | _____ |

**WHEN TO MAKE AN ENTRY****Record an entry whenever:**

- you feel palpitations, chest discomfort/pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, unusual heartbeats, neck or arm pain, or another symptom;
- you press the monitor's **EVENT** button;
- there is a sudden change in activity;
- you go to bed or wake up;
- you take medication.

For symptoms, write the **time + activity + symptom**. If you press the **EVENT** button, make the diary entry at the same time.

**IMPORTANT: DO / DO NOT****DO**

- continue your normal daily activities;
- use normal household appliances and your mobile phone;
- take your usual medication unless your doctor told you otherwise.

**DO NOT**

- get the monitor wet;
- take part in rough/contact activities;
- use electric blankets or go near electric fences or arc welders.

**QUICK FACTS****SLEEP**

You may sleep while wearing the monitor.

**COMFORT**

The monitor is non-invasive and wearing it should not be painful.

**RETURN**

Return the monitor as instructed by the clinic.

**REPORT**

Your doctor will generally receive the report within 24-48 hours after the recording is returned.

**EXAMPLE DIARY ENTRIES**

| TIME     | ACTIVITY                    | SYMPTOMS     | NOTES / EVENT        |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 8:10 AM  | Walking                     | Palpitations | Pressed EVENT button |
| 1:23 PM  | Physical activity / running | Nil          |                      |
| 11:35 PM | Went to bed                 | Nil          |                      |
| 6:34 AM  | Woke up                     | Nil          |                      |

Please bring or return this diary with the Holter monitor.



Write the exact time whenever possible

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date/time: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cardiotest Cardiac Investigations