Electrocardiogram (Ekg, Ecg)

An electrocardiogram is also known as an EKG or ECG. You have had an EKG as part of your medical evaluation. An EKG records the electrical activity of the heart. Many heart problems can be identified by an EKG. These include identifying heart muscle damage, abnormal heart rhythms, and changes in the size of the heart. **While the EKG is commonly used to check cardiac and chest complaints, it may not show abnormalities when serious heart disease is present**. It is one of many tests used to help identify heart problems. Call your caregiver if you have any questions or concerns about your EKG results.

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