

Electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) Abnormalities

The EKG is an electrical monitor of heart performance. The resting ECG is the first test done. Exercise EKG's are often referred to as Treadmills. This is the method for measuring the heart's performance under stress. The exercise ECG may include Thallium or similar type of scan of the heart. These dyes will allow the physician to see what specific areas of the heart are doing. Many times these tests will locate abnormalities not previously seen or will confirm medical conditions.

The most frequently investigated cause is chest pain. However, there are many other conditions. The most frequently seen benign condition is extra beats. There are Premature Atrial Contractions (PAC), Premature Ventricular Contractions (PVC), Rapid pulse (Tachycardia), Slow pulse (Bradycardia), Bundle Branch Blocks Left (LBBB) and Right (RBBB) et al... In most cases the APS with all tests and cardiac studies will be necessary to clarify the exact nature of the condition, duration and severity.

The rates will be based on the nature of the condition, the underlying cause, treatment, and duration. Check with the home office underwriter.

Height and weight can effect the underwriting decision. Be sure to check the [Build Table](#).

Refer to [Arrhythmia](#), [Heart Disease](#), [Atrial Fibrillation](#), [Murmurs](#), [Cardiomyopathy](#), [Pericarditis](#), [Rheumatic Fever](#)