# **Your Cardiac Event Monitor Test**

**Diagnostic Cardiology Department** 

### Why do I need an event monitor?

Your doctor wants to know about your heart rate, heart rhythm, and any possible fast, slow, or irregular heartbeats (called arrhythmias). This information helps your doctor diagnose and manage conditions that can affect your heart.

We will contact you with a date and time for your appointment. If you have not been contacted within 4 business days, please call your hospital and ask to speak to someone in the Diagnostic Cardiology Department.

#### My appointment is:

Date:	
Time:	
Hospital:	

It is best to arrive at the hospital 15 minutes before your appointment.

Please go to the **Diagnostic Cardiology Department** of the hospital.

Your appointment can take up to one hour.

# How do I prepare for my test?

Please do not wear lotions, perfumes, or talcum powder. You can wear deodorant.

### What can I expect?

A cardiology technologist cleans your skin in 3 specific places on your chest. They then gently rub your skin with buffing tape.

> Note: If you have hair on your chest, they might need to shave your chest in the places where the electrodes attach.

They place 3 sticky sensors (called electrodes) on your chest. The electrodes attach to cables that go to a recording device. The device is placed in a bag that you wear around your neck.

We give you supplies and instructions on how to take care of the event monitor. We let you know how long you need to wear it.



# What do I need to do?

Follow the instructions we give you.



Continue to do your regular daily activities.



Do **not** let the event monitor get wet.

Return the event monitor to the Diagnostic Cardiology Department on:

