

INFORMATION FOR ERG (ELECTRORETINOGRAM) TEST

Appointment date

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Directions to the department

From the concourse go up the stairs/lift and follow the signs to all departments. Continue along the corridor, passing Pharmacy and X-ray until you reach B block lifts. Take a lift to the fourth floor (B4). Proceed along A block corridor, turning right at Clinical Neurophysiology. Map on reverse.

About your ERG investigation

An ERG is a harmless investigation and involves placing a number of small discs on your head and threads on your bottom eye-lids to record the electrical activity of your eyes. You will be asked to watch a TV screen and flashing lights. The procedure may take 2-3 hours to complete.

If you wear spectacles, please bring them with you.

You will probably have some eye drops administered which may blur your vision for up to six hours.

You will be unable to drive home after the test.

Preparing for your appointment

It is important that your hair is clean and free of hair products. It would be helpful if you could wash your hair the night before the test and you will probably need to do so again after you return home.

Please do not wear makeup on the day of your test.

What to bring with you

Please bring a comb with you and your spectacles, as mentioned above.

If you are diabetic please bring your Insulin and some food with you.

If you are on any medication which needs to be taken through out the day please bring that with.

If you are a regular user of oxygen, please bring this with you as our department does not have a piped supply. The test is up to 3½ hrs in duration.

Please bring change for the pay and display parking system. The multi-storey Car Park is a suitable place to park. Outside the concourse entrance there is a car park for the disabled. During busy periods, please allow additional time for parking.

If you require an ambulance for transport please contact your GP as soon as possible as several days notice is required.