

## ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (ECG) INSTRUCTIONS

LifeLabs provides a service to patients who are stable and not clinically suspected of suffering acute myocardial infarction or a life-threatening cardiac event.

The tracings are transmitted to interpreting specialists and the interpretation returned with a copy of the tracing to the requesting physician.

**A 'stat' or urgent ECG service is not available.** Patients clinically suspected of a serious cardiac event should be directed to a facility equipped to undertake intervention when this is required, not to a LifeLabs Patient Service Centre.

For the same reason, biochemical markers of myocardial injury are not available on an urgent basis.