DO NOT FORGET · THE SHORT CHECKLIST



Recording a 12-lead ECG

Standardised recording of a resting 12-lead electrocardiogram with correct electrode placement, so that the trace is accurate, comparable and immediately reviewed.

EM Orbit

Patient reference	Date	Time	Completed by

The 2 steps that must not be missed

- [ ] **BEFORE**
  In chest pain, record the ECG within 10 minutes of arrival and show it to a decision-making clinician immediately.
  Do not wait until the end of triage.

- [ ] **AFTER**
  Do not rely on the machine's automated interpretation to rule out acute myocardial infarction.
  A clinician must interpret every ECG.



The short list: an aid to memory, not the whole procedure. The full checklist is at the QR code. It does not replace your local protocol or your clinical judgement.