



# Simple ECG™



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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### **The SimpleECG™**

- will NOT tell you if you have heart problems. Only your physician can do that. You should NOT interpret the measurement results yourself.
- is NOT a diagnostic device. It is only an ECG recorder.
- is NOT a substitute for a traditional ECG diagnosis.
- is NOT recommended for users with pacemakers.

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- Do NOT operate SimpleECG while using other electrical devices.
- Do NOT connect SimpleECG to the PC via USB cable when acquiring ECG.
- Do NOT use accessories other than those provided by the manufacturer. Do NOT use USB cable other than that supplied by manufacturer.
- Do NOT subject the device to water and liquid spillage. Do NOT clean with alcohol, acetones or any other flammable chemical agents. Do NOT use with any lotions.
- Do NOT place the device and its accessories under direct sunlight and harsh environments.
- Do NOT disassemble SimpleECG. It may cause device malfunction, device failure or damage and you will loose all warranty.

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# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 What is SimpleECG™

**SimpleECG** is a non-invasive, handheld heart monitoring device. It allows users to measure and record electrical activities of the heart anywhere and anytime. It records and displays real-time electrocardiogram (ECG).

Electrical signals of the heart can be obtained using two methods. The first method is by placing thumbs on SimpleECG's specially designed dry conducting electrodes. The second method is by using external electrode cable and adhesive ECG electrode pads.

SimpleECG records 30 seconds of "Modified ECG signal"<sup>1</sup> for each measurement. After measurement, the device will instantly display the average of 3 parameters on the LCD panel: the average heart rate (HR), ST segment deviation (ST) and QRS interval (QRS). These parameters are not the traditional standard ECG readings, but rather, a "Modified Lead I -ECG"<sup>2</sup>.

SimpleECG can transfer all recorded measurements to a personal computer through USB connection for management and analysis of ECG data.

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<sup>1</sup> SimpleECG uses two conducting electrodes to measure cardiac activities, unlike traditional ECG device which requires at least 3 electrodes. ECG measured by SimpleECG is designated as a modified Lead I ECG.

<sup>2</sup> These parameters from SimpleECG are for reference only. For interpretation of the parameters, please consult professional physicians. Additional standard 12 lead ECG test may need to be performed.

## 1.2 Benefits of SimpleECG™

SimpleECG is a recording device used to monitor or spot-check the electrical activities of the heart anytime and anywhere. It is designed to be small, portable and easy to use. With SimpleECG you can:

- The New Vital Sign

SimpleECG enables qualified medical personnel to quickly spot-check for irregular heart beat during primary assessment.

- Take measurements anytime anywhere

SimpleECG's compact design allows the user to carry the device anywhere, anytime for periodic monitoring of his/her heart throughout the day.

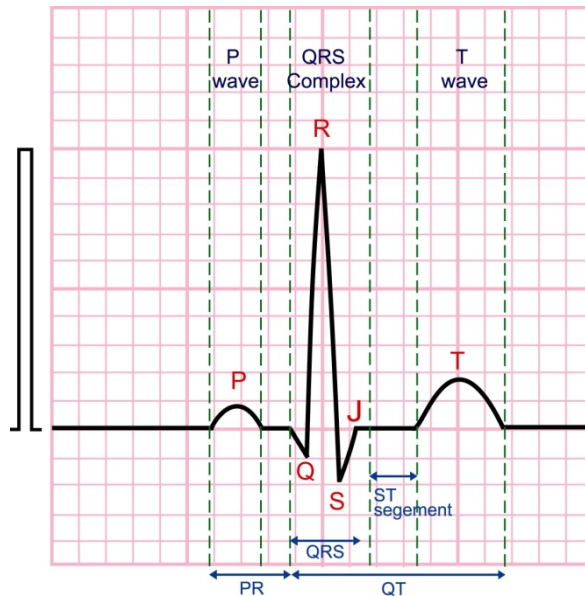
- Manage ECG recordings over time

SimpleECG software allows users to manage ECG recording with a time stamped record.

- Patient to Physician

Data generated by the SimpleECG can be printed, faxed, or emailed using the accompanying software. The SimpleECG also stores up to 100 records for review using the LCD screen.

### 1.3 ECG Variables



**Figure 1.** Normal ECG Waveform (Lead I)

Figure 1 is a presentation of a normal ECG waveform from Lead I. SimpleECG uses patented algorithms to identify and compute parameters in the table listed below. Table 1 is a list of ECG parameters measured by SimpleECG.

Table 1 SimpleECG Output Parameters

Parameters	Reference Range
Average Heart Rate (HR)*	60 < HR < 100 bpm
ST Segment (ST)*	-2 < ST < +2 mm
QRS Interval (QRS)*	0.08 sec < QRS < 0.12 sec
PR Interval	0.12 ~ 0.20 sec
QT/QTc	0.32 ~ 0.44 sec / 0.41 ~ 0.44 sec

\* The hardware only shows HR, ST and QRS. The PR and QT/QTc will be provided in analysis software (provided) on your computer.

Table 2 SimpleECG Display Messages

Message	Description
1. Regular Heart Rate - Fast Heart Rate - Slow Heart Rate - High ST Value - Low ST Value - High QRS Value	Heart rhythm is REGULAR - If heart rate is too fast (HR > 100bpm) it will be indicated. - If heart rate is too slow (HR < 60bpm) it will be indicated. - If ST value is too high (ST > +2mm), it will be indicated. - If ST value is too low (ST < -2mm), it will be indicated. - If QRS value is too high (QRS > 0.12sec), it will be indicated.
2. Irregular Heart Rate	Heart rhythm is IRREGULAR - If this warning appears frequently, regardless if you have any uncomfortable symptoms or not, please consult your physician.
3. Impossible to Analyze (Please measure again.)	Acquired signals CANNOT be analyzed. Please measure again.

### ATTENTION:

The parameters and messages provided by the device are for reference ONLY. **If the user feels any discomfort, regardless of the results from the device, please consult an appropriate physician immediately.** Measured data by SimpleECG may be provided to a physician for reference and further analysis.

### 1.4 Common Causes of Abnormal ECG Tracings

Abnormal ECG tracings may be caused by many different factors, including:

- Coronary artery disease
- Electrolyte imbalances in your blood (such as sodium or potassium)
- Changes in your heart muscle
- Injury from a heart attack

- Healing process after heart surgery

Please consult your physician if you are concerned about your ECG recording and symptoms to get more information about your condition.

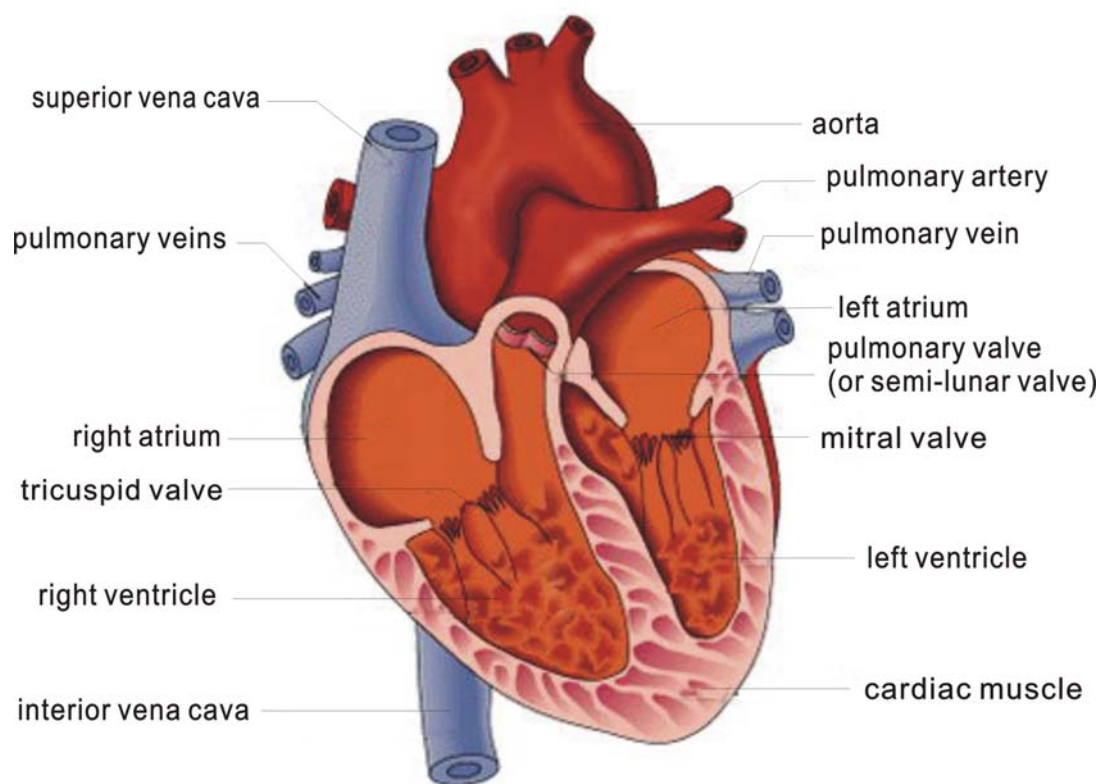
## **1.5 Basic Function of the Heart**

The heart has 4 chambers that act together to pump blood throughout the body. The 2 smaller upper chambers are called atria, and the larger lower chambers are called ventricles. The right atrium receives oxygen-depleted blood coming back from the body via 2 large veins: the superior vena cava and inferior vena cava. The right atrium pumps this blood into the right ventricle, which then pumps the blood into the lungs, which is oxygenated. The blood then comes back into the left atrium, which is then pumped into the left ventricle. The left ventricle then pumps the blood back to the circulatory system via the aorta, the largest artery in the body. The pressure that the left ventricle exerts to keep the blood moving throughout the whole body is the blood pressure.

## **1.6 Conduction System of the Heart**

The chambers of the heart pump with the automatic discharge of electricity from the sinoatrial (SA) node, a group of specialized cells in the right atrium. On average, there are 60 to 100 times discharges per minute. When the SA node discharges, both atria contract, and the electrical impulse is relayed to the atrioventricular (AV) node that is between the 2 ventricles. The electrical wave that is propagated across the AV node causes

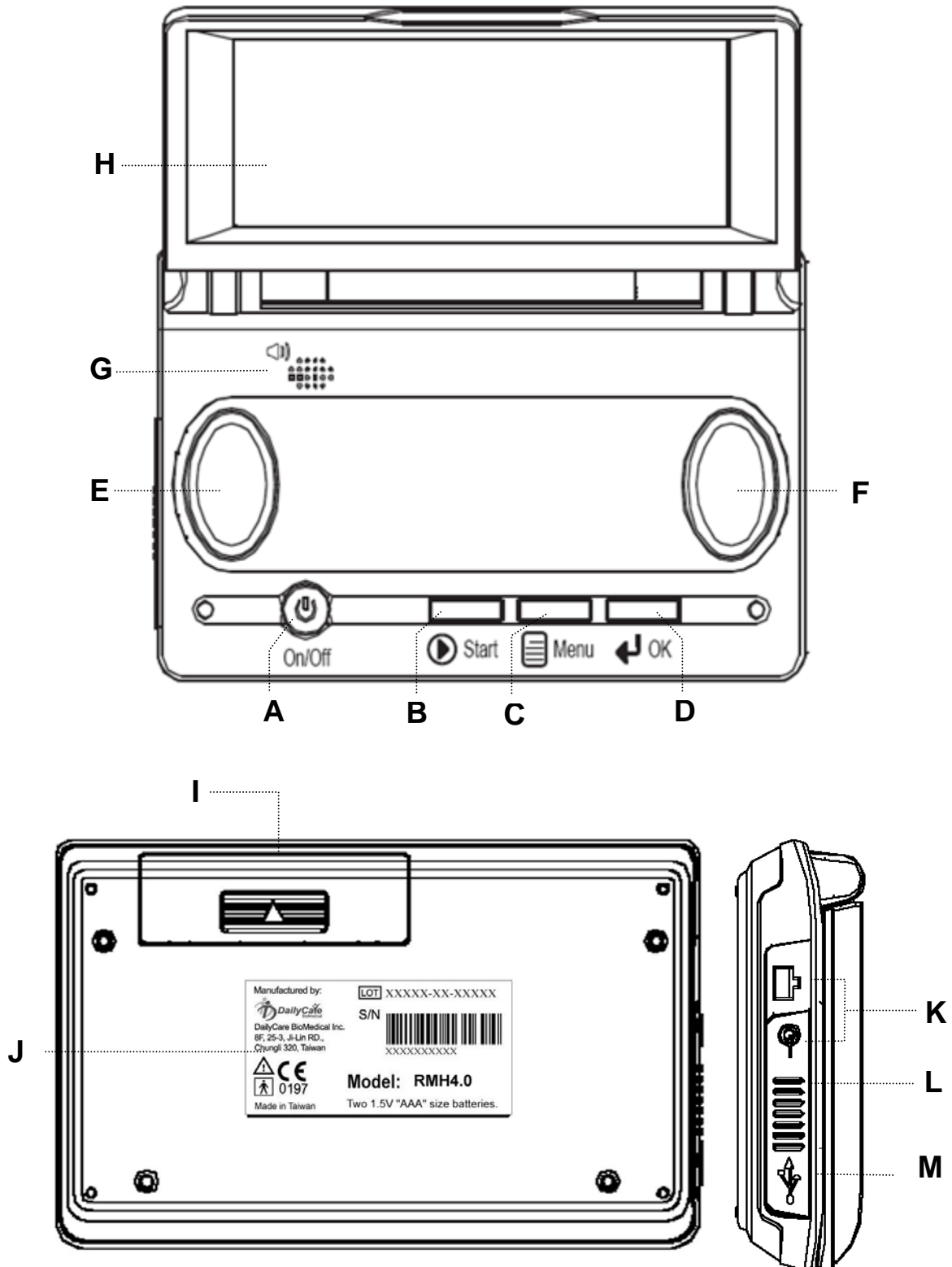
both ventricles to contract and pump blood. The normal delay between the atrium and ventricle contractions is 0.12 to 0.20 seconds. By studying the electrical activity that results when heart muscle cells contract, we gain insight to the health and workings of the heart. These electrical activities can be detected, recorded and studied with ECG monitoring device, for example SimpleECG.








# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 Product Design

### 2.1.1 Main Unit



Items	Descriptions
A.  Power on/off button	Turns the power on and off.
B.  Start button	Press to start measuring
C.  Menu button	Enter menu mode.
D.  Enter/OK button	Press to select. Press to confirm.
E/F. Left and right electrodes	Dry conduction electrodes for thumbs
G. Speaker	Sound
H. LCD panel	Large LCD panel to display parameters and waveform
I. Battery cover	Open cover to insert batteries
J. Product label	Description of device information
K.  External electrode cable socket	Insert external electrode cable in this socket
L. Sliding socket cover	Protection mechanism to make sure USB cable and external electrode cable is NOT used at the same time
M. USB socket	Only Insert USB cable provided by manufacturer.

**Note:** *Only use USB cable provided by manufacturer. Other USB cables will cause serious damage to device. Please visit: [www.simpleecg.com](http://www.simpleecg.com) to re-order USB cable.*

## 2.1.2 Product Package

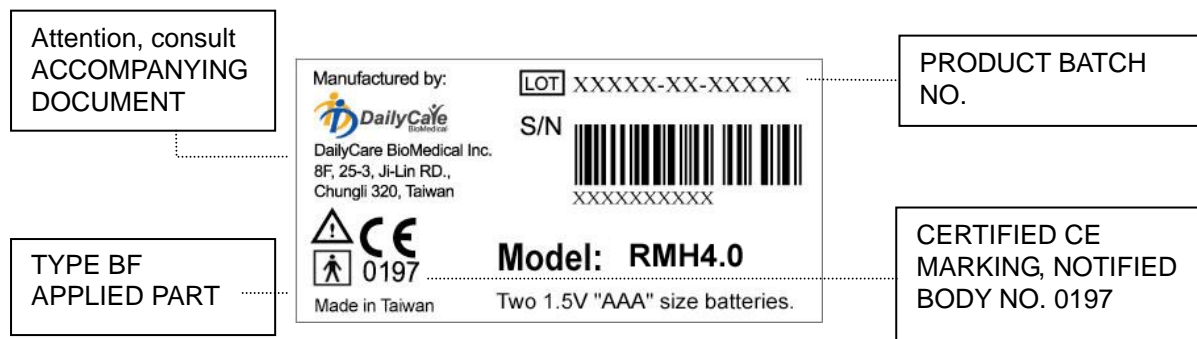
### Standard Package:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SimpleECG	x 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SimpleECG Software CD	x 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SimpleECG User's Manual	x 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrying Case	x 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	USB Cable	x 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auxiliary Electrode Cable	x 1

### Not Included:

- 1) Electrode gel pad. These pads can be purchased at qualified local drug stores.
- 2) AAA alkaline battery. SimpleECG needs two batteries to operate.











## 2.1.3 Product Label



SimpleECG is TYPE B EQUIPMENT WITH F-TYPE APPLIED PART IN EN IEC60601-1 STANDARD

## 2.2 Taking a Measurement

### 2.2.1 Dry Thumb Conduction Electrodes

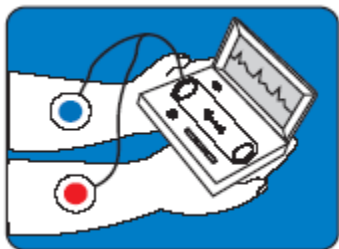

Steps	Descriptions
	<p>Wash and dry your hands before use. Be sure hands are clean of any lotions.</p> <p>Sit down and place your hands comfortably on a table or on your laps.</p>
	<p>Open the lid and press  once to power on the device.</p>
	<p>Press  Start to start measuring. Each measurement will take 30 seconds.</p> <p>During measurement, you can stop it anytime by press OK.*</p> <p>Simply press  again to start the next measurement.</p>
	<p>Place right and left thumbs <b><u>GENTLY</u></b> on the conduction electrodes. Calm and relax yourself with regular breathing.</p> <p>Do NOT Move and Do NOT Talk during measurement.</p>
	<p>Press  for 3 seconds to power off the device manually anytime during measurement. Data will NOT be saved.</p> <p>The device will power off automatically if left idle for more than 1 minute.</p>

**NOTE:** If measurement is stopped in less than 30 seconds, the recorded data is not enough for calculation. The ECG parameters will **not** be display or recorded. The hardware and software will only show ECG trace measured.

## 2.2.2 Optional External Electrode Cable

SimpleECG has optional electrode cable as an alternative way for users to take an ECG reading, instead of dry thumb conduction electrode. Please only use one method at a time.

Follow the steps below when using the auxiliary electrodes:

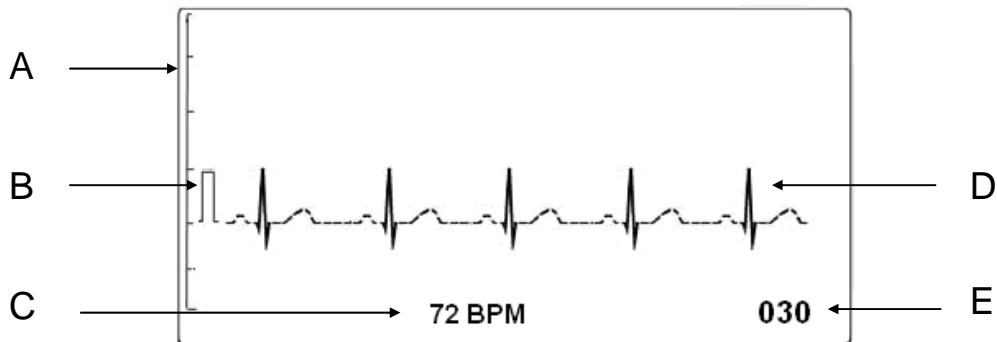
Steps	Descriptions
1	Slide the socket cover to expose the optional electrode cable socket and connect one end of the cable to the device. Connect the split ends of the cable to the adhesive ECG electrode pads. <b>(Users can buy qualified electrode pads from qualified medical device and pharmacy stores.)</b>
2	 Place the RED electrode on the right arm and the BLUE electrode on the left arm as shown. Do NOT put your thumbs on the dry conduction electrodes when using this method.
3	Start the measurement by pressing  Start.

**NOTE:** Both auxiliary electrode and USB sockets on the device are to be used only with the standard accessories provided. Warranty will NOT cover damages that result from failure to comply with these instructions. Visit: [www.simpleecg.com](http://www.simpleecg.com) to order replacement parts.

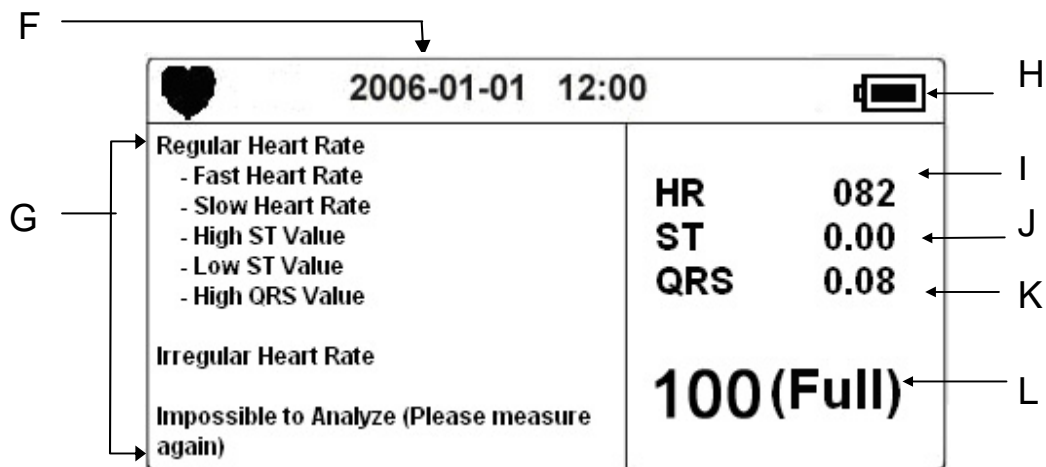
## 2.3 Display Panel

SimpleECG has a large LCD panel to display operating steps, results of ECG measurements, date/time settings and playback.

### 2.3.1 LCD Display






**Figure 2.** LCD Display Panel – During measuring














**Figure 3.** LCD Display Panel – After measuring

### 2.3.2 LCD Display Description

#	Item	Descriptions
<b>A</b>	Scale Indicator	ECG scale
<b>B</b>	Amplitude Indicator	Calibration Mark, Unit amplitude (1mV)
<b>C</b>	Heart rate Display	Display Heart rate during measurement
<b>D</b>	ECG trace	ECG waveform display during measuring and review mode
<b>E</b>	Timer	Timer
<b>F</b>	Date/Time	Year/Month/Day Hour/Minute
<b>G</b>	Messages	The messages may include Regular Heart Rate (Fast/Slow Heart Rate, High/Low ST, High QRS), Irregular Heart Rate and Please Measure Again.
<b>H</b>		 indicates the battery is normal.  indicates the battery is low.
<b>I</b>	HR	Average Heart Rate. Reference range: $60 < HR < 100$ bpm
<b>J</b>	ST	ST segment. Reference range: $-2 < ST < +2$ mm
<b>K</b>	QRS	QRS interval. Reference range: $0.08 < QRS < 0.12$ sec
<b>L</b>	Data Stored	Shows how many readings are stored. The device has a looping memory and can store up to 100 readings.

## 2.4 Menu


Press  to power on the device then press  to enter Menu mode. In Menu, press  menu button to scroll through options. Press  OK to enter. Press  to start measurement anytime. Below is a list of choices in the menu :

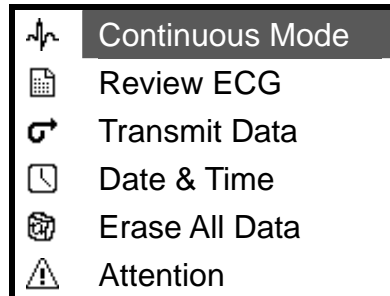
Items	Descriptions
 Continuous Mode	Special measuring mode: ECG will be continuously displayed on the LCD. The user can manually stop measurement. Only the last 30 seconds of data will be stored.
 Review ECG	Select a file to review the ECG parameters and waveform.
 Transmit Data	Transmit data to PC.
 Date & Time	Adjust Year, Month, Day and Time *
 Erase All Data	Erase all readings stored in memory
 Attention	Attention to using the device



**NOTE:** Please set the Date & Time before use

### 2.4.1 Continuous Mode



This is an alternative recording mode. Selecting this mode will allow the user to measure and display ECG waveform continuously for up to 5 minutes. You can choose to stop anytime. Only the last 30 seconds will be recorded and stored in memory.

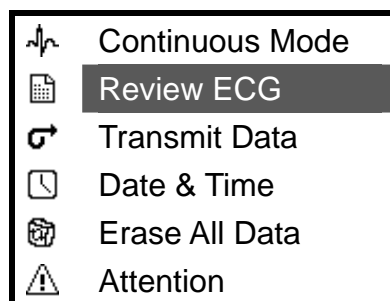
- a. Press  to enter menu selection when the device is on.
- b. Continuous mode will be highlighted.




- c. Press  to start measuring and displaying ECG waveform on LCD.
- d. Press  again when you want to manually stop. The device will record the last 30 seconds of data.

### 2.4.2 Review ECG Data










- a. Press  to enter menu selection when the device is on.
- b. Press  again until Review ECG is highlighted.





- c. Press  to enter Review ECG mode.
- d. The newest ECG data file will be placed at the top and highlighted. The highlighted file will display the calculated

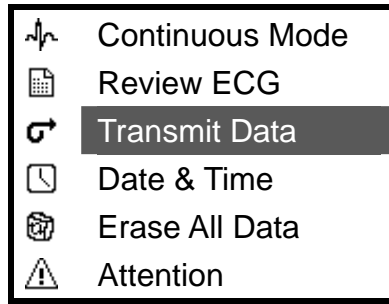
ECG parameters (HR, ST, QRS) and a message will be displayed on the right side of the screen. The file number will be displayed at the bottom right corner. Note: The device can store up to 100 readings.


2006-09-25	11:47	HR	072
2006-09-24	10:52	ST	+ 0.15
2006-09-23	08:13	QRS	0.12
2006-09-21	16:21	Regular	
2006-09-21	08:31		100

- e. Press  to go to next file.
- f. Press  to play ECG waveform of highlighted file.
- g. To speed up, press and hold . Release  to return to normal speed.
- h. To exit, press .
- i. To stop, press . To start again, press .
- j. Press  to magnify playback x 2. Press  again to return to normal size.

### 2.4.3 Transmit Data

- a. Press  to enter menu selection when the device is on.
- b. Press  until Transmit Data is highlighted.



c. Press  to send data to PC.


**NOTE:** Make sure the USB cable is connected to the device and the PC. Make sure the software shows connected.

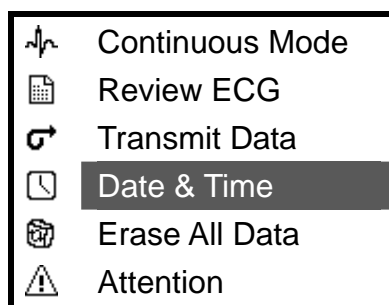
#### 2.4.4 Set and Adjust Date and Time

Please make sure you set the right date and time before using the device. Adjust the date and time when needed. The date and time are important information of an ECG data file.


a. Press  to power on the device.

b. Press  to enter menu selection.

c. Press  again until Date and Time option is highlighted.



d. Press  to enter adjustment mode.

e. The digit to be changed will be highlighted. Press  to go

to next digit to change. Press  to increase the number.

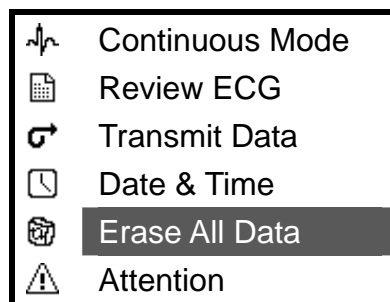
f. When time is set, device will go back to main menu.



### 2.4.5 Erase all ECG Data

You have the option to erase and clear all ECG readings stored. (this will permanently delete all data)

a. Press  to enter menu selection.

b. Press  again until Erase All Data is highlighted.



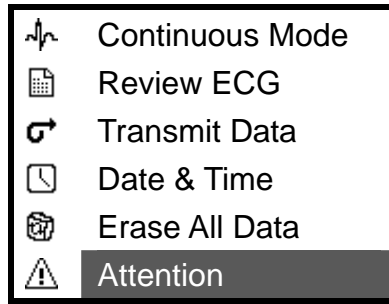
c. Press  to enter. Message will show to confirm if you want to erase all readings. Press  to select Yes or No.


Press  to confirm.

### 2.4.6 Attention

a. Press  to enter menu selection.

d. Press  again until Attention is highlighted.



e. Press  to enter and the following message will show.

“The device will not tell if you have heart problems. Only your physician can do that.”

**NOTE:** This message is to remind that user that if you feel any discomfort, regardless of the results of the measurement by the device, you should consult your physician.

## 2.5 Product Specifications

Input impedance	> 20 M – Ohm
Input dynamic range	+/- 3 mV
Bandwidth	0.1 – 40 Hz
CMRR (Common Mode Rejection Ratio)	> 95 dB
A/D conversion	12 bit
Sampling Rate	250 samples/sec
Measurement Time	30 seconds
Display	240 X 128 Dot-matrix LCD display
Input	Dry conduction electrodes and/or external auxiliary electrodes
Output	USB interface
Power Supply	1.5V (AAA) X 2
Size	124 x 78 x 22 mm
Weight	150 g excluding batteries
Environmental Conditions:	
Storage temperature	-4°F ~122°F (-20°C~ 50°C)
Operating temperature	50°F ~104°F (10°C ~ 40°C)
Humidity	25% ~ 95%
Measurement Range:	
Average heart rate	45 to 180 bpm
ST segment	-3 to +3 mm
QRS interval	< 0.20 sec

# SimpleECG SOFTWARE

## 3.1 System Requirements

Operating System: Windows 98/98SE/2000/XP/Vista

Hardware Requirements:

- CPU: Pentium III and above
- Memory: 100MB and above
- Hard disk capacity: 100MB and above
- Data transmission media: Universal Serial Bus (USB)
- Screen resolution: 1024 x 768

## 3.2 Installation

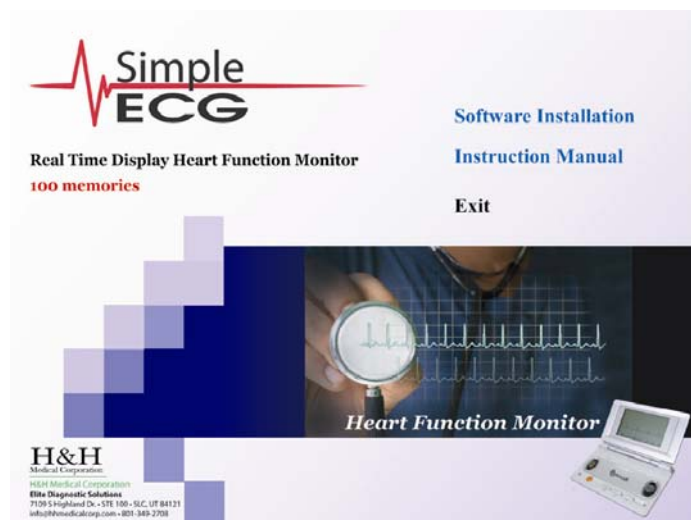


Figure 3. SimpleECG Software Main Page

Insert SimpleECG software CD into the CD-ROM. Select “Software Installation” from the main page and setup will run automatically. If auto-installation does not start, double click on

the “autorun.exe” application file in the CD to install manually. Follow the Setup Wizard instruction on the screen.

### 3.3 Transmit Data

All data files recorded in SimpleECG can be transferred to PC for analysis through the USB port on the left side of SimpleECG shown in Figure 4. Slide the socket cover to expose the USB socket.

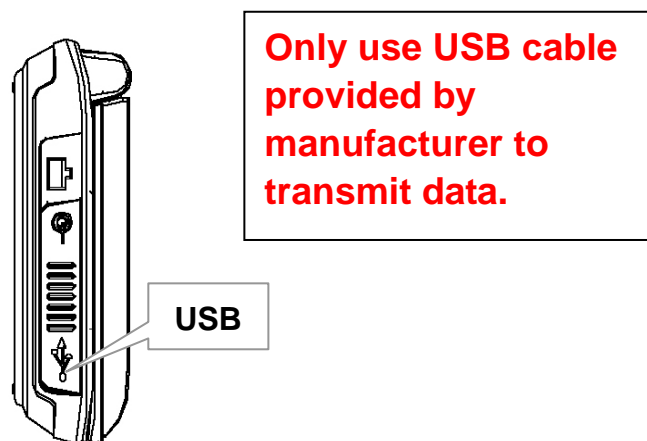



Figure 4. SimpleECG USB port

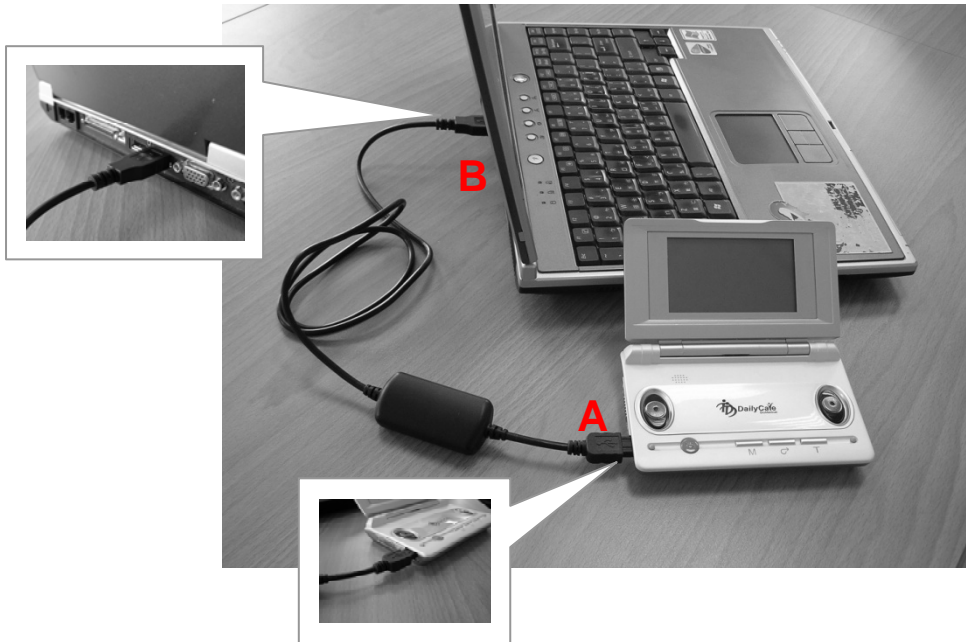
Steps for file transfer. Please follow the following steps:

1. Start the SimpleECG software by selecting H&H Medical Corporation → SimpleECG from the File Menu or by clicking on the  on your desktop.
2. A “Disconnected” status will be shown initially on the bottom

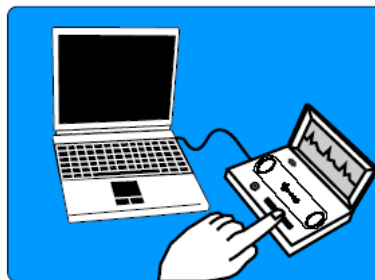
left of the main menu.







Connect one end of the USB cable (small) to the USB socket on the hardware first (A). Then connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB port on the computer (B).

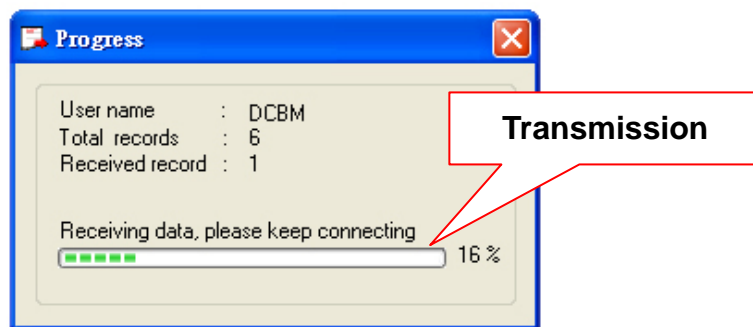


3. When the USB connection detected, it will be indicated on the bottom left corner of the software screen.

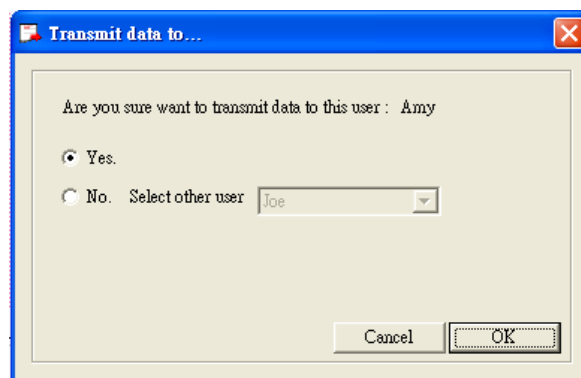


**Only use USB cable provided by manufacturer to transmit**

4. Press  until  Transmit Data is highlighted. Then press  OK to transmit data to PC. Arrow  will appear on the LCD panel indicating the transferring of data. Data transmission progress window will pop up on the monitor.

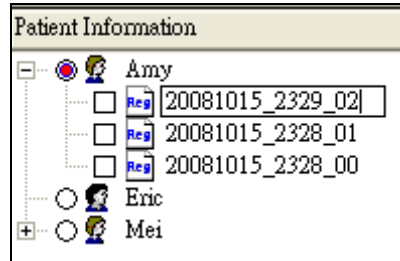


**Note:** Please confirm/select the right user before the transmitted data save to the PC. The user confirm window as below.



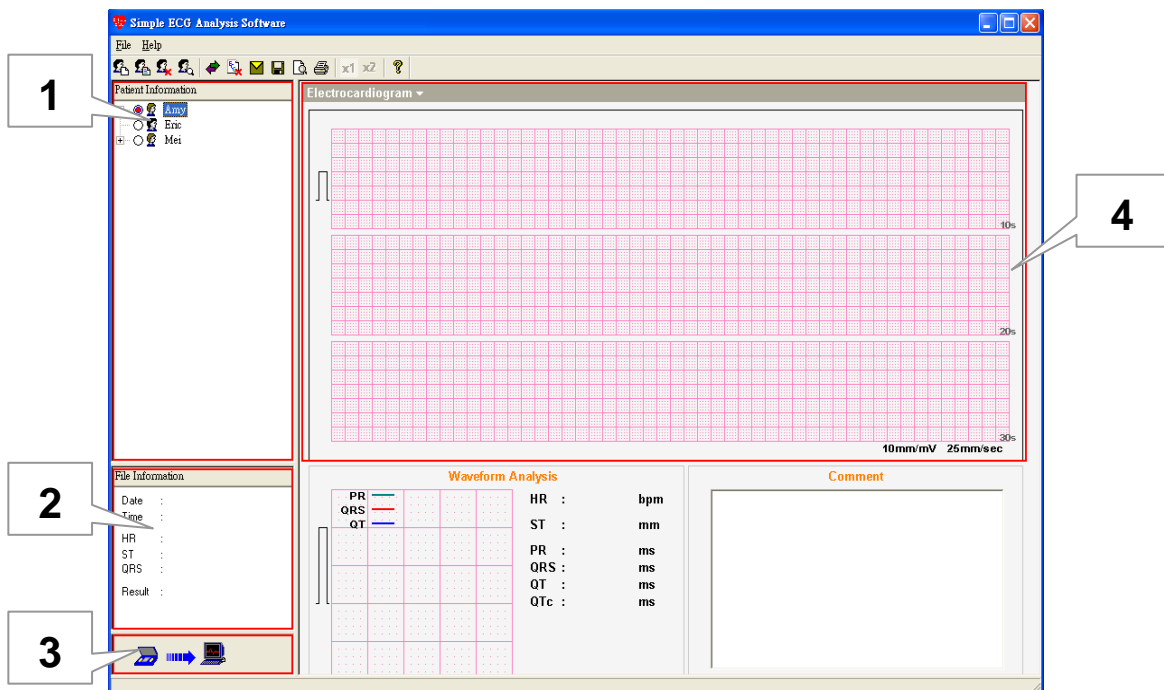
**Note:** After data files have been successfully transferred to the PC and when you start your next measurement, SimpleECG hardware will erase its memory automatically.

**Note:** The default file name is the time-stamp of the reading. By clicking the selected file name, the user can change the name.



**Note:** If  $\cdots \rightarrow$  flashes after pressing  $\leftarrow$  or during file transfer, it means the connection between SimpleECG and the PC has failed. Please close and start the software again, and/or reconnect the USB cable.

### 3.4 Software Interface

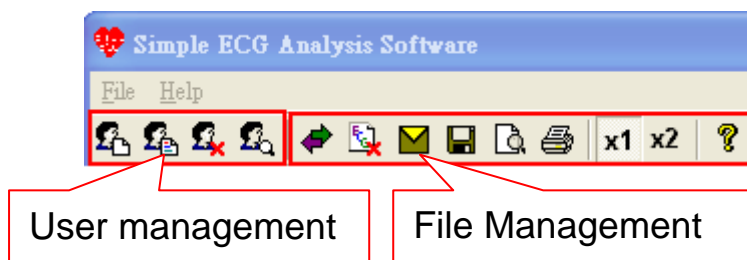









SimpleECG Software User Interface





SimpleECG has a simple analysis interface. This analysis and database management system is divided into four main parts:

- (1) User and file management;
- (2) Average ECG parameters display and remarks;
- (3) Connection status of ECG to PC;
- (4) ECG diagram analysis display (Maximum of 30 seconds).

### 3.5 User and File Management




Function Keys	Description
	Add user
	Display and change user's information
	Delete selected user
	Search for user
	Move ECG file to other user folder
	Delete selected file
	Email ECG data

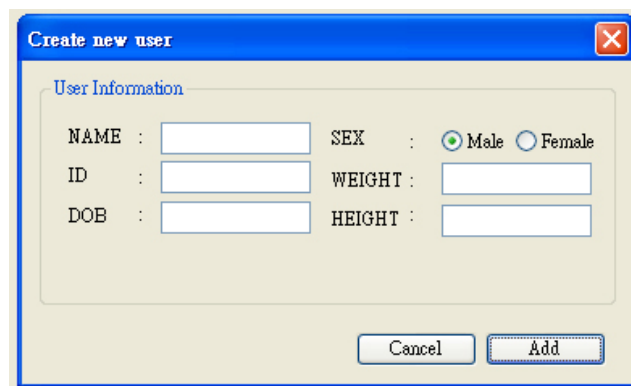
	Save ECG waveform as graphic file
	Preview ECG report for printing
	Print ECG report
	View between 10mm/mV or 20mm/mV


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
Detailed descriptions of Function Keys are as follows:

### 3.5.1 Add a New User

1. To add a new user, click on  function key. The “Create new user” window will appear as shown below.

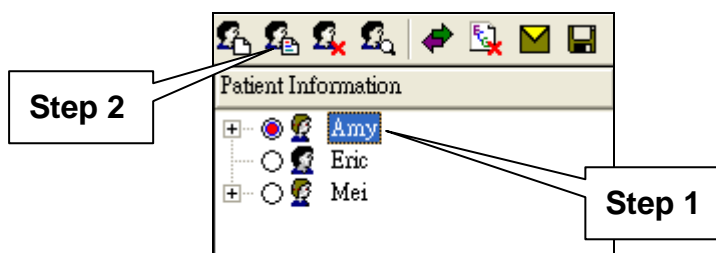



2. Enter user information such as name, sex, ID, weight, date of birth (DOB) and height. NOTE: Name has to be keyed to create a new user.
3. Click on  and a new user will be added to the patient information user list. Name of user must be keyed. Otherwise, a warning window will appear.

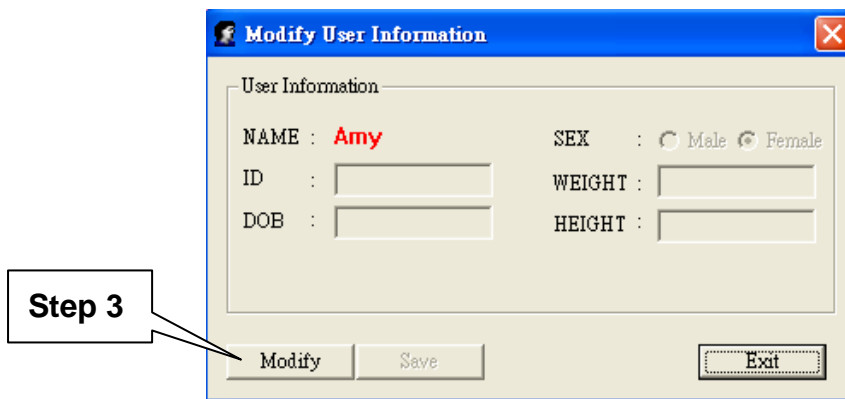
4. Repeat step 1 and 2 to add more new users.
5. Click on  to close the user management window.


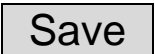

### 3.5.2 Display or Change User's Information

1. Select a file/user first.




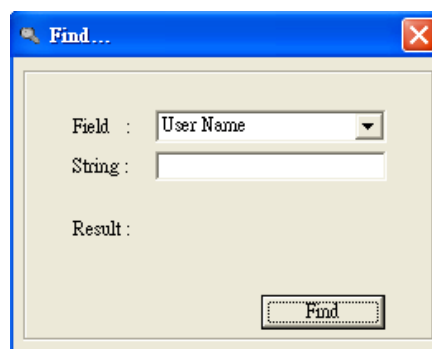
2. Select  function key. The user's information will appear as shown below.




3. You can modify the values on the table after click . Then click , all the modified values will be saved automatically. Click , The values will NOT be changed.

### 3.5.3 Search for User

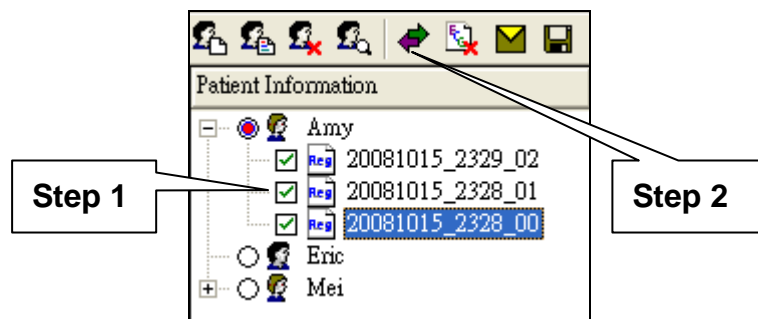
1. Select  function key. A window will appear. You can search by “User Name” or by “ID”. Please type in your search characters in the String field.




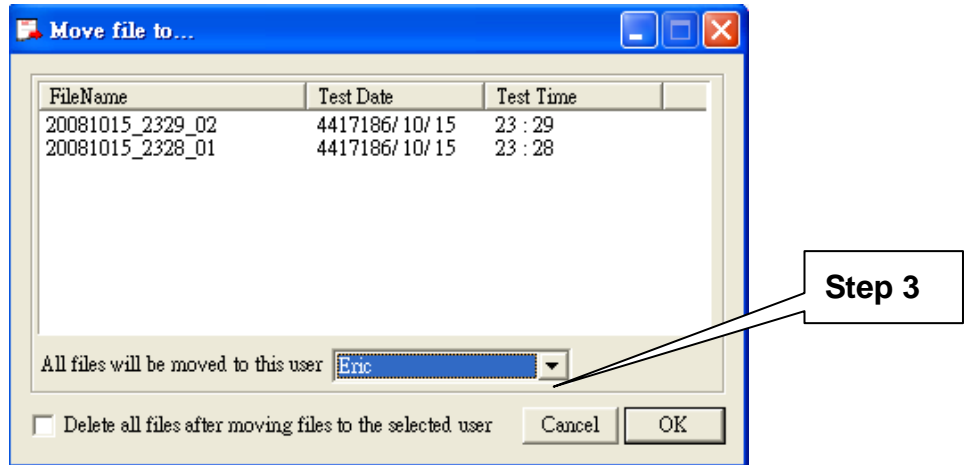
2. Select  to start finding. If the user is found, the name will be highlighted.

### 3.5.4 Move ECG file to other User

1. Select the files first (Multiple files can be selected).

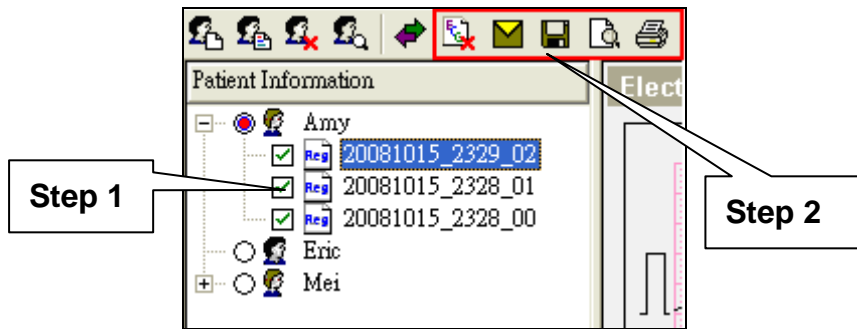


2. Click  function key. A window will appear. You can move the selected ECG file to other user.



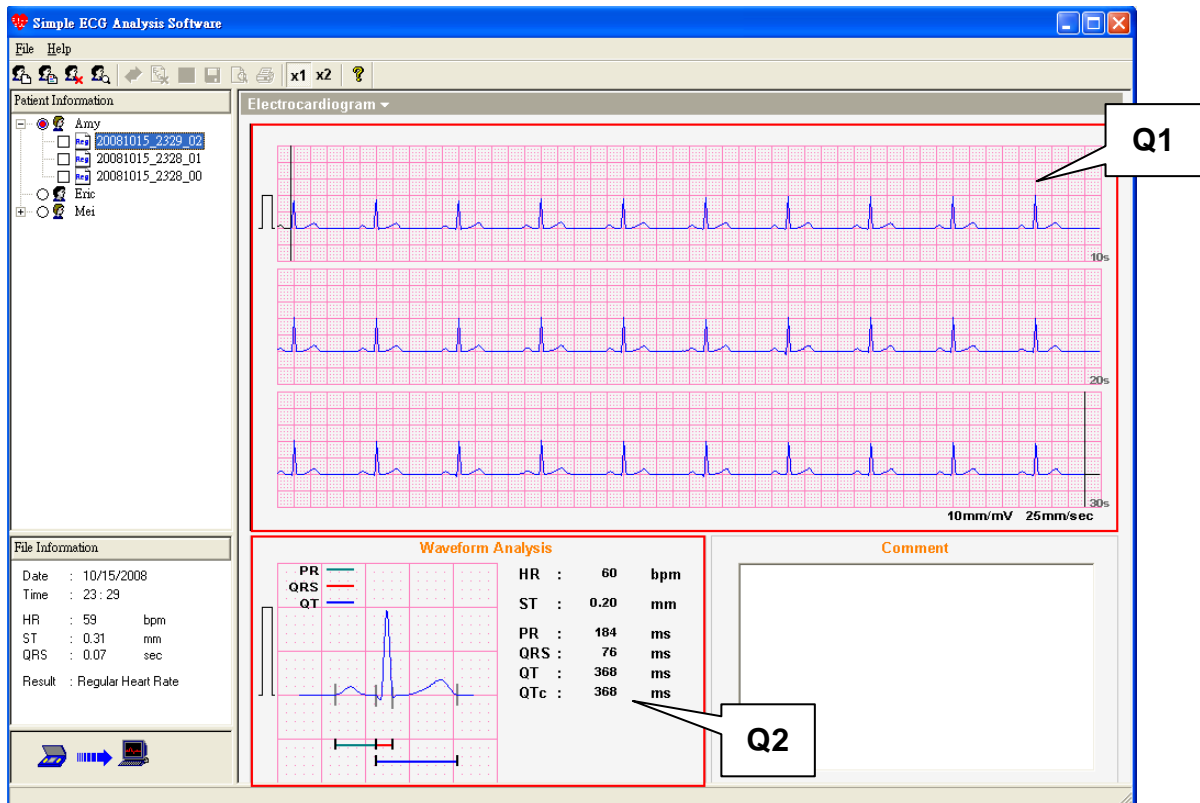
### 3.5.5 Delete, E-mail, Save, Preview and Print a File

1. Select the files first (Multiple files can be selected).



2. Click delete, email, save, preview, or print function.

### 3.5.6 Review ECG Trace and Parameters



1. Select a user and click on a file.
2. A 30 seconds ECG trace will be shown on the right side of the screen in quadrant 1. (Q1)

**NOTE:** If you stop ECG measurement in less than 30 seconds, you will not have the full 30 seconds ECG trace.

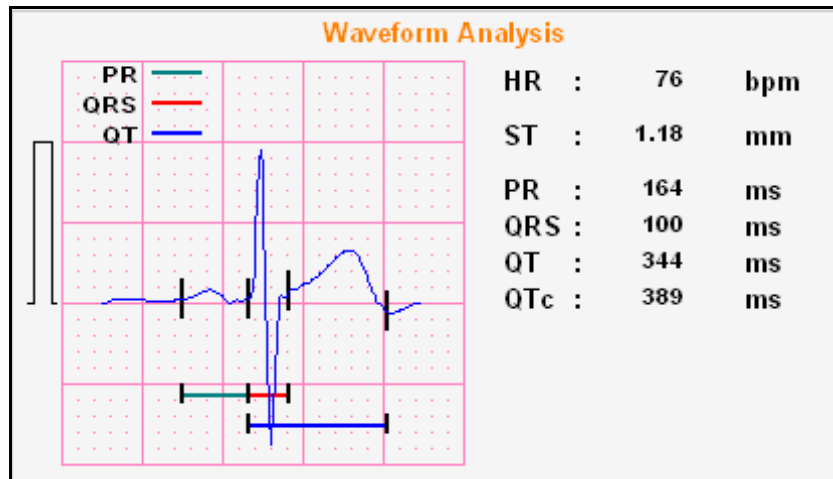
3. The average ECG parameters (HR, PR, QRS, QT, QTc, ST) will be displayed in quadrant 2. (Q2)
4. You can also select a particular section of the ECG trace, by clicking left click once to start and left click again to end the

section in Q1. The selected part of the trace will turn blue. The average ECG parameters will be displayed in Q2 accordingly.

### 3.5.7 Redefine ECG Parameters

**This section is highly recommended for doctors only.** The power of the device lies in the algorithm which identifies and defines P, Q, R, S and T wave intervals to generate the parameters observed on the file. The algorithm is highly precise and accurate which is observed in a correlation study with standard ECG device.

In order to present a flexible format, the software is developed with the ability to redefine the waves. This should only be done by a medical professional who has great experience with ECG analysis and interpretation. Therefore, users are strongly advised against performing the function in this section unless under the guidance of a medical professional.



Steps to redefine ECG waves:

1. ECG parameters will be calculated automatically.
2. If you click on the vertical bars on the ECG waveform, it will change to a red bar. Use the left and right arrow key to move it. The software will automatically recalculate the parameters.
3. Left click on the ECG waveform after you have finish adjusting the bar.

### 3.5.8 Reading the Graph

The Y-axis represents voltage in mV. The bar indicated below represents 1 millivolt (mV). This denotes the electrical strength of the signal. Therefore, each big square represent 0.5 mV and each small square represent 0.1mV.

The X-axis represents time in seconds. Each big square

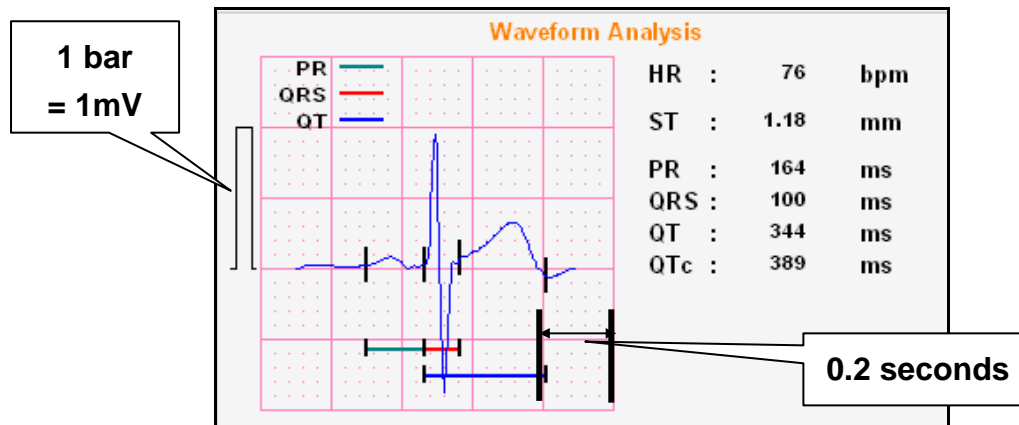


Figure 31. ECG graph

represents 0.2 seconds. Therefore, each small square represents 0.04 seconds.

### 3.5.9 ECG Waves and Parameters

The following is a summary of the ECG wave morphologies and parameters that users can use as a guide to interpret their ECG recordings. For more technical information, please refer to the reference section.

- **P wave:** The P wave results from atria contraction. P wave is generally about 1 box wide or 1 box tall. P wave that exceeds these might indicate atria hypertrophy, i.e., enlargement.
- **PR Interval:** The PR interval is measured from the start of the P wave to the start of Q wave. It represents the duration of **atria depolarization**. Normal duration is from **0.12 to 0.20 seconds**. If the PR interval is greater than 0.20 seconds, then an AV block might be present.

- **QRS Duration**: The QRS duration is measured from the start of Q wave to the end of S wave. It represents the duration of **ventricle depolarization**. Normal duration is from **0.08 ~ 0.12 seconds**. If duration is longer, it might indicate presence of bundle branch blocks.
- **QT/QT<sub>c</sub>**: The QT/QT<sub>c</sub> is measured from the start of the Q wave to the end of T wave. QT interval represents the duration of **activation and recovery of the ventricular muscle**. This duration varies inversely with the heart rate. The normal QT<sub>c</sub> is approximately **0.41** seconds, it is corrected with the heart rate with the following formula to get QT<sub>c</sub>:  

$$QT_c = QT / \sqrt{RR}$$
RR is interval between R to R peak.
- **ST Segment**: The ST segment is measured from end of S wave, J point, to the start of T wave. This segment is important in identifying pathology such as myocardial infarction (elevation) and ischemia (depression).

To learn more about the analysis of ECG parameters, please refer to the list of references provided in the Reference Section.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q1:** What is SimpleECG?

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**A1:** SimpleECG is a handheld ECG monitor. The main function of SimpleECG is to record ECG tracings anywhere and anytime. Users only need to place both thumbs on the electrodes, and their ECG will be recorded. The parameters measured will be displayed on the LCD screen. Together with the software, users can transfer data files to PC for analysis and management of data.

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**Q2:** Why does “Noise” appear? Why does P wave sometimes disappear during measurement?

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**A2:** SimpleECG measures the micro-electrical activities emitted by the heart. “Noise” means there is the interference with the recording of these signals due to poor contact between the thumbs and the electrodes, excessive movement of the body, and other strong environment EMI (Electro Magnetic Interference) noise, etc.

No P-wave or small Lead I signal: Please try using Lead II by using the external electrode cable and adhesive ECG pad. Please the red end on right arm, and the blue end on left leg.

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**Q3:** What are some of the factors that may affect the measurement by SimpleECG?

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**A3:** Besides the factors mentioned in Q2, the followings are some of the factors that may also affect measurements:

- a. Thumbs may be greasy, which may affect the transmission of signals. Please use clean water to clean the thumbs first.
- b. Thumbs may be too dry. Do NOT use cream. Please use external auxiliary electrode cable & adhesive ECG electrode pads.
- c. Contact pressure between the thumbs and the electrodes may be too strong. Please place the thumbs on the electrodes GENTLY.

Even when users have followed the regular procedure described in the User’s Manual to operate SimpleECG, the user may still experience a weak signal. Please contact the distributor, retailer, or visit H&H Medical Corporation’s website: <http://www.simpleecg.com>

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**Q4:** Why do you need to use auxiliary electrode cable? How do you use the optional auxiliary electrodes?

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**A4:** The auxiliary electrode cable is for users who cannot hold SimpleECG steadily without shaking, or users whose thumbs are too dry, or if the signals are too small using dry electrodes. For detailed instructions, please follow the steps described in P.11 of the User's Manual. Please buy extra adhesive ECG electrode pads from a qualified medical device store.

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**Q5:** Can SimpleECG be stopped or powered off in the middle of the measurement?

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**A5:** During the 30 seconds measurement, SimpleECG can be stopped or powered off. The measured data will be saved if you stop in the middle of the measurement. If you power off the device in the middle of the measurement, the data will not be saved.

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**Q6:** Will static electricity affect the measurement of SimpleECG ?

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**A6:** SimpleECG is CE certified and has passed electromagnetic interference and compatibility tests. Under normal circumstances, static electricity will not affect the operation of SimpleECG. However, strong EMI (Electromagnetic Interference) may affect the operation of the device.

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**Q7:** How do you manage ECG signals if multiple people use a single SimpleECG device?

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**A7:** Data cannot be managed on the SimpleECG device directly. If there is more than one user, please use the software provided for data management.

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**Q8:** Why does the temperature of SimpleECG rise after the batteries are inserted?

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**A8:** The rise in temperature is caused by the improper direction (polarities) of the poles of the batteries when inserted. Please remove the batteries quickly and then reinsert the batteries correctly. Please allow the SimpleECG to drop to a normal operating temperature before making any measurements.

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**Q9:** Can the parameters measured by SimpleECG be used for clinical diagnosis?

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- A9:** The ECG tracings recorded by SimpleECG is not for clinical diagnostic purposes. It is only to be used for physician's reference, and to be used for personal home care health management.
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- Q10:** Why does the data recorded in the SimpleECG disappear after batteries are replaced?
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- A10:** Data will remain in the memory for approximately 2 minutes only during battery replacement. Thus, please replace batteries as quickly as possible to preserve data.
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- Q11:** What is the maximum memory of SimpleECG hardware?
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- A11:** SimpleECG can store up to 100 data files in its memory only. When the 100 files limit is exceeded, SimpleECG has a looping memory and will delete the oldest data and save the newest data. Please try to transfer data files to the PC regularly. It is important to save all ECG data for personal health management.
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- Q12:** How do you transfer SimpleECG 's ECG data files by internet?
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- A12:** ECG report can be saved as JPG file using the software. You can send the report as an attached file to your physician for reference, using your regular email account.
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- Q13:** How do you maintain SimpleECG?
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- A13:** When the dry conduction electrodes on SimpleECG are used regularly, grease and dirt may accumulate, which may affect the recording of signal. Please use a clean wiping cloth to remove grease and dirt. Please Do NOT use any cleaning solutions or organic solvents to prevent damaging the device.
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- Q14:** Can SimpleECG use other external power supply?
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- A14:** NO. SimpleECG is to be operated by two replaceable 1.5V (AAA) alkaline batteries. Please Do NOT use other external power supply which may be hazardous and may damage the system and the device.
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- Q15:** Can SimpleECG use accessories other than the ones provided in the standard package?
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- A15:** All standard package accessories meet special specifications of medical device regulations. Please **Do NOT** use any other accessories other than the ones provided in the standard package to avoid hazards and subsequent damages to the device and to avoid hazards.

**Q16:** What to do if the parameters measured by SimpleECG Do NOT correspond with the user's condition?

**A16:** In case of an emergency physical condition, users should contact emergency services immediately, or go report immediately to the hospital. If the measured parameters Do NOT correspond with user's condition, please make sure all standard operating procedures are followed. If not, please contact a physician for further check up.

**Q17:** Can any other fingers be used beside the thumbs for measurement of ECG?

**A17:** You may use other fingers other than the thumbs for measurement using SimpleECG. Please make sure you place the fingers gently on the electrodes and Do NOT move and talk during measurement. You may choose to use external electrode cable and ECG pads for better ECG trace measurement.

**Q18:** Can SimpleECG be used while the user is standing up, sitting down, or lying down? Will the measurements make any difference?

**A18:** Different body positions may affect the cardiac signals slightly. However, by following the standard operating procedure closely, SimpleECG is able to record ECG signals correctly.

**Q19:** After exercising, can ECG be measured using SimpleECG? Will the measurement be correct?

**A19:** Yes, ECG can be recorded after exercise. During measurement, please remain in a stable position to avoid noise interference.

**Q20:** Can SimpleECG be used during commuting?

**A20:** During commuting, if user is able to keep a stable position, SimpleECG can be used to measure ECG. The usage of SimpleECG is not recommended during the operation of any vehicle.

**Q21:** Can conducting gel or other fluids be used when using SimpleECG?

**A21:** SimpleECG is designed to be operated without any conducting gel or other fluids. Please Do NOT apply any conducting gel or other fluids to avoid damaging the thumb electrodes and the device.

# GLOSSARY

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## Aorta

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The main trunk of the systemic arteries, carrying blood from the left side of the heart to the arteries of all limbs and organs except the lungs.

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## Arrhythmia

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Irregularity in the heart rhythm.

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## Atrioventricular (AV) Node

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A small mass of specialized cardiac conducting tissue, located in the wall of the right atrium of the heart, that receives heartbeat impulses from the sinoatrial node and directs them to the walls of the ventricles.

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## Bundle of His

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A slender bundle of modified cardiac conducting tissue that passes from the atrioventricular node in the right atrium to the right and left ventricles by way of the septum and that maintains the normal sequence of the heartbeat by conducting the wave of excitation from the right atrium to the ventricles called also *atrioventricular bundle*, *His bundle*.

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## Electrocardiogram

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The curve traced by an electrocardiograph.

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## Electrocardiograph

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An instrument used in the detection of heart abnormalities. It measures electrical potentials on the body surface and generates a record of the electrical currents associated with heart muscle activity.

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## Heart Rate (HR)

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The number of heartbeat per unit time, usually in minutes.

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## Hypertrophy

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A non-tumorous enlargement of an organ or a tissue as a result of an increase in the size rather than number of constituent cells.

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## Inferior Vena Cava

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Large vein formed by the union of the two common iliac veins that receives blood from the lower limbs and the pelvic and abdominal viscera and empties into the right atrium of the heart.

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**Left Atrium**

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Top left chamber of the heart.

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**Left Ventricle**

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Bottom left chamber of the heart.

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**mm**

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One mm is one small square on the electrocardiograph.

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**Myocardial Infarction**

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Formation of an area of tissue that undergo necrosis as a result of obstruction of local blood supply, as by a thrombus or embolus.

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**P Wave**

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Atrial Depolarization (contraction). Normal duration is 0.06 - 0.11 seconds.

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**Parameters**

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A distinguishing characteristic or feature.

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**PR Interval**

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Atrial and AV node depolarization. Regular duration is 0.12 - 0.20 seconds.

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**QRS Interval**

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Ventricular depolarization. Regular duration is no longer than 0.1 seconds.

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**QT Interval**

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Ventricular refractory time. Duration varies according to rate, age and sex.

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**Right Atrium**

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Top right chamber of the heart.

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**Right Ventricle**

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Bottom right chamber of the heart.

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**Right/Left Bundle Branch**

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Either of the parts of the bundle of His passing respectively to the right and left ventricles.

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**Sinoatrial (SA) Node**

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A small mass of specialized cardiac muscle fibers located in the posterior wall of the right atrium of the heart that acts as a pacemaker by generating at regular intervals the electric impulses of the heartbeat.

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### **ST Segment**

ST segment represents the period from the end of ventricular depolarization to the beginning of ventricular repolarization.

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### **Superior Vena Cava**

A large vein formed by the union of the two brachiocephalic veins and the azygos vein that receives blood from the head, neck, upper limbs, and chest, and empties into the right atrium of the heart.

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### **T Wave**

Ventricular Repolarization. Usually 0.5mV or less in Lead I, II and III.

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