

WESTERN MONTANA CLINIC
PEDIATRIC CARDIAC SCREENING
ECG CONSENT FORM

Parents and schools have generally relied on well-child exams and sports exams to determine the risk of sudden cardiac death for student athletes. There is new information that the combination of a thorough history, physical exam, and ECG is superior to a history and physical exam alone in determining the risk of sudden death. At this time, schools do not require that an ECG be performed prior to playing sports, however the providers at Western Montana Clinic want to be sure you understand all options available for your child.

It is the recommendation of Western Montana Clinic that all children ages 12 years and older have one ECG but it is the parent who must make the final decision about whether or not an ECG will be performed on their child. An ECG does not substitute for a pre-participation exam or regular well check, but instead supplements those exams. A thorough history and physical exam plus an ECG will not identify all children at risk for sudden cardiac death, but it does identify more than History and Physical Examination alone.

If an ECG is performed and felt to be abnormal, the Western Montana Clinic providers will not approve participation in competitive athletics until further evaluation of the student is performed.

Please check:

_____ I certify that I have read and that I understand this consent.

_____ I **consent** to an ECG exam for my child.

_____ I **decline** an ECG exam for my child.

_____ My child had a previous ECG on _____.

Name of Child (please print)

Parent or Legal Guardian/Representative Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name