

Visual Electrophysiology Unit (VEU) Services

Pattern Electroretinogram (PERG)

Time: 0.5+ h

Eye-Drops: No

Please Bring:

- Your eye glasses or prescription
- Your health card

During Test: No Contact lenses

> No Cellphones or electronics

Purpose:

The PERG measures how the center of your eye is working, using different-sized patterns

Procedure:

Pre- PERG (20 minutes)

1. History, eye exam, and colour vision testing

PERG Setup (5-10 minutes)

- In the testing room, an electrode is taped on the center of the forehead and at the outside corner of the patient's eyes with some gel, after cleaning with cream
- 2. There is 1 drop for each eye
- 3. A string-electrode it put across the eyes, with a sticker at each corner of the eye
- 4. Eye-glasses must be worn (if used)

PERG Testing (10-20 minutes)

- 5. The patient must sit on a chair and look at a monitor for the test
- 6. The patient must look at the pattern on the screen, be still, calm, and not blink too much
 - a. After the first 2 patterns are tested, the patient is moved closer for the last pattern
- 7. When finished, the gel is cleaned and the patient can leave





String-electrode



Testing Screen

Note:

- Keeping the head and eyes straight and not blinking is important for this test
- 1-2 people can keep the patient company during the test
- If there is more than 1 test booked in VEU, they will be done together
- Test results take time and will be sent to the referring physician in 3-6 weeks

Cancel/ Reschedule:

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 $^{^{1}}$ contact lenses must be removed before testing