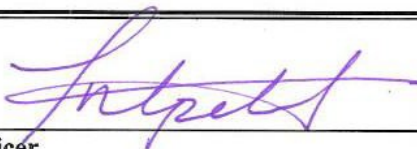

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POLICY:

Registered nurses working in the community health centers may provide a preliminary assessment of ECG tracings. All ECG tracings shall be forwarded to a designated specialist. A copy of the specialist's report shall subsequently be filed on the client's health record after reviewed by the ordering Registered Nurse.

PRINCIPLES:

- While registered nurses may make preliminary assessment of an ECG, it is the responsibility of a specialist to make a final interpretation.
- It is the responsibility of the registered nurse to consult with a physician in a timely manner when something abnormal is seen on the preliminary assessment of an ECG or from the specialist's report.
- It is the responsibility of the registered nurse to ensure all ECG studies are forwarded to the designated specialist in a timely manner.

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