24Hr Blood Pressure Monitoring (BPM)

Test Requirements:

- The monitor must be worn for a 24 hour period to ensure an accurate study.
- Whilst wearing the monitor you are not able to undertake the following: showering, bathing or water sports activities.

Instructions:

- To avoid incorrect results, you must relax and keep your arm still during a measurement until the cuff has completed deflated and the measurement has been taken.
- 2. Avoid opening and closing the hand during the measurement and do not move the fingers.
- 3. When the pressure in the cuff increases, you should:
 - **a. If standing:** Let the arm hang loosely, place the hand in the trouser pocket or fingers in the waistband.
 - **b.** If sitting: Rest the lower arm loosely on a table or other support.
- **4.** Ensure the hose from the Blood Pressure cuff does not become kinked.
- **5.** Before the pressure of the cuff is raised, a signal is given on each occasion throughout the day to warn you that a measurement is about to be taken.
- **6.** The **"Event button"** should be pressed at any time if you feel your blood pressure is raised.
- 7. Press the "Day/Night" key, when going to bed at night and when getting up in the morning. The recorder will confirm the change with a signal.
- **8.** While sleeping, the unit must be placed on its side, so that the air tube cannot be kinked.
- 9. Occasionally you may hear an audible beep from the monitor. This means that it was unable to take your blood pressure (usually arm movement). There is no cause for alarm; the monitor will retry to take your blood pressure again in about one minute.
- **10.** You must return to the Collection Centre to have the monitor removed as soon as the 24hrs have passed.