

Electrocardiographic Technician Interview Questions

1. Walk me through how you conduct electrocardiogram (EKG), phonocardiogram, echocardiogram, stress testing, or other cardiovascular tests to record patients' cardiac activity, using specialized electronic test equipment, recording devices, or laboratory instruments.

2. Describe what method have you found most useful to monitor patients' blood pressure and heart rate using electrocardiogram (EKG) equipment during diagnostic or therapeutic procedures to notify the physician if something appears wrong?

3. What is the most challenging part of monitoring patients' comfort and safety during tests, alerting physicians to abnormalities or changes in patient responses?

4. Tell me about your experience when adjusting equipment and controls according to physicians' orders or established protocol.

5. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

6. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)

7. How do you stay fit in order to perform physical activities that are required in the workplace?

8. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

9. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?

10. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

11. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

12. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

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13. Describe an experience when you assisted physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac or peripheral vascular treatments, such as implanting pacemakers or assisting with balloon angioplasties to treat blood vessel blockages.

14. What method have you found useful when performing general administrative tasks, such as scheduling appointments or ordering supplies or equipment? Share an example.

15. Tell me how you observe gauges, recorder, and video screens of data analysis system during imaging of cardiovascular system.

16. Describe an experience where you had to explain testing procedures to patients to obtain cooperation and reduce anxiety. What did you find helpful?

17. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.

18. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)

19. How much time do you spend transcribing, typing, and distributing reports of diagnostic procedures for interpretation by physician?

20. What kind of experience do you have operating diagnostic imaging equipment to produce contrast enhanced radiographs of heart and cardiovascular system?

21. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation.)

22. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.

23. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?

24. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last

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company.

25. Provide an experience in which you were sensitive to someone's needs or feelings. How did your helpfulness affect your work environment?

26. What system do you use to check, test, and maintain cardiology equipment, making minor repairs when necessary, to ensure proper operation?

27. How do you balance cooperation with others and independent thinking? Share an example. (Try to determine if the candidate has a cooperative attitude or is otherwise good-natured.)

28. What have you found to be the best way to monitor the performance of your work and/or the work of others? Share a time when you had to take corrective action.

29. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?

30. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish an important task.

31. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

32. What is the most challenging part of supervising or training other cardiology technologists or students? Share an example.

33. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.

34. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)

35. Provide an example of when you were persistent in the face of obstacles.

36. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change?

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(Make sure the candidate is flexible.)

37. Share an example of when you established and accomplished a goal that was personally challenging. What helped you succeed?

38. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What guidance and direction did you find most effective?

39. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)

40. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

41. Provide an example when you were able to prevent a problem because you foresaw the reaction of another person.

42. Name a time when your creativity or alternative thinking solved a problem in your workplace.

43. Provide an experience that demonstrates your ability to manage time effectively. What were the challenges and results?

44. Please share an experience in which you successfully taught a difficult principle or concept. How were you able to be successful?

45. Share an experience in which you successfully coordinated with others. How about a coordination effort that was not as successful?

46. Share an experience in which you used new training skills, ideas, or a method to adapt to a new situation or improve an ongoing one. (Look for the candidate's ability to learn.)