

Saint Mary's Managed Clinical Service Fetal Medicine Unit

Information for Patients

Chorionic Villus Sample and Amniocentesis Discharge Information

General Advice

Following your invasive testing of either Chorionic Villus Sample (CVS) or Amniocentesis, you are advised to rest and relax at home for the remainder of the day and the following day if possible. You do not need to go to bed, and it is safe to have a bath or shower.

Following your test, you may experience some abdominal/back discomfort or period like pains. This is more common in the first 24-48 hours. Paracetamol is safe in pregnancy and can be taken to relieve this.

Please contact the hospital you are booked in at for your pregnancy care if you experience any of the following:

- o Vaginal bleeding
- o Loss of fluid from the vagina
- o Have any fever-like symptoms (this may be up to 10-14 days following the procedure)
- o Pain that doesn't settle with paracetamol, is prolonged or gets progressively worse

If you experience any of the above and are booked at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) please contact:

If you are less than 16 weeks pregnant	lf you are greater than 16 weeks pregnant
Emergency Gynaecology Unit (EGU)	Maternity triage
Oxford Road Campus and	Oxford Road Campus: 0161 276 6567
Wythenshawe site: 0161 291 2561	Wythenshawe site: 0161 291 2724
North Manchester: 0161 720 2010	North Manchester: 0161 922 3167

Results

It usually takes 2-3 working days for the rapid result to become available, which checks for Down's, Edward's and Patau's Syndrome. Occasionally it can take longer than this.

The full result will be available in 2-3 weeks, or as advised by your Genetic Counsellor





if you have required input from this department.

At the time of your test, you will have given us consent to contact you either by phone or by letter with the result.

