

Routine pregnancy testing before a planned operation/procedure

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This Leaflet will answer some of your questions about why you will need a routine pregnancy test before your operation.

It will explain why it is necessary for all female patients who are aged 12 years and above.

Why are you asking me if I might be pregnant?

We know that many teenage girls are not having sex. However, we do not know which patients are and are not having sex.

This is why we ask all female patients aged 12 years and over if they might be pregnant.

Before we do the pregnancy test, we will ask you if you have started your periods yet and the date of your last period.

Why is it important that you know?

If you are pregnant when you have an operation or x ray, we need to know.

These procedures can potentially be harmful to your un-born baby - especially during the early weeks of pregnancy.

Everyone has the right to refuse. If you refuse to take the pregnancy test it is important you understand this may result in cancellation of your procedure. This decision would be down to your Consultant.

How does the pregnancy test work?

All we need is a sample of your urine. The test only takes around 5 minutes.



**I'm not sure
I really understand
all of this, what
should I do?**

What if the test is positive?

You can discuss this with your Nurse or Doctor so a decision can be made about your procedure.

If you are pregnant, sometimes it is best for you and your baby if the surgery is delayed or cancelled.

This decision may also involve your family.

You will be supported by the Nurses and Doctors.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to ask a nurse or doctor.

They will always be happy to explain anything to you.

You can also ask to speak to them in private.

Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS)

The team are available to help with any concerns, complaints or questions you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email.

The contact details are:

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