

Can I refuse to be tested?

Yes, you can refuse to be tested.

A member of the surgical, radiology or medical team will discuss this with you and decide if the procedure/operation can continue.

There may be a delay or cancellation of the procedure.

The Trust's safeguarding Children and Young Person's Team may be informed of the refusal if you are less than 16 years of age or if you are over 16 years and lack capacity to give permission for testing.

Who can I talk to if I have any questions?

The nurse who is looking after you will be able to answer any questions that you may have. Alternatively the surgical, radiology or medical team will also be available to ask questions.

Helpful Contact Numbers:

Arthur Levin Day Surgery Unit
Weekdays 8am – 6pm: 01553 613555

Rudham Ward 24 hour 01553 613844

Paediatric Assessment Unit 01553 613416
(Monday – Friday 9 – 5:30pm)

Roxburgh Children Centre Pre-Assessment
01553 613977

Alternatively out of hours you can attend
Accident & Emergency.

NHS Online 111

Emergencies 999

Feedback

We appreciate and encourage feedback. If you need advice or are concerned about any aspect of care of treatment, please speak to a member of staff or contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS):

Telephone: 01553 613351 or 01553 613343

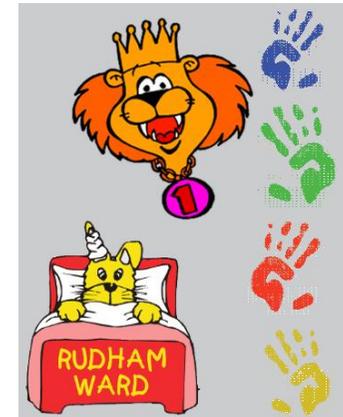
Email: pals@qehkl.nhs.uk

Letter: PALS, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust, Gayton Road, King's Lynn PE30 4ET

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Routine Pre-op Pregnancy Testing leaflet (patients 12 years and older)

Paediatrics



This document can be provided in different languages and formats. For more information please contact the department where you are/were seen.

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This leaflet explains why all female patients who are 12 years old or above undergo routine pregnancy testing before certain procedures or operations.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) have recommended that all girls aged 12 or older who are having some procedures or operations should have a pregnancy test to see if they are pregnant.

This is because these procedures (some but not all x-rays, scans and operations) carry a risk to unborn babies.

We have to test all girls even if they tell us they are not sexually active or have not had their first period. It is possible for a girl to get pregnant before it is evident that she has started her periods.

What will happen?

On the day that you come in for your procedure/operation the nurses will discuss with you the reasons why a pregnancy test is required and ask for your permission (consent) for us to carry out this test.

To perform the test, the nurses will need a urine sample so you will be asked to pass urine into a special collection pot.

The nurses will then use a pregnancy testing strip which is dipped in the urine to test for the pregnancy hormones that would be present in your urine if you were pregnant.

Will I be told of the result of the test?

Yes, the nurses will inform you of the result of the test.

They may wish to do so without your parent's being there so that they can respect your confidentiality and therefore you may not be told straight away in order to find the most appropriate time to tell you the result.

Are my parent's informed of the result?

Your parents do not have to be informed of the result of the test unless there are concerns that you are not able to make your own decisions (lack mental capacity).

In most instances they would not be informed of the result unless you shared that with them.

What happens next?

If the test result is **negative** (you are not pregnant) we will inform you and the procedure/operation will continue as planned.

If you are **under 16** and the test result is **positive** (you are pregnant) the nurses will inform the surgical, radiology or medical team who will decide if the procedure/operation should continue or be delayed.

If you are under 16, or over 16 but do not have the capacity to give permission (consent), the Trust's safeguarding Children and Young Person's Team will be informed of the result and a Safeguarding Referral made.

The nurses will support you to tell your parents and inform you of the next steps.