

Information about Pregnancy checking and Testing for Young female patients

Frequently asked questions

Why is it important for you to know if I might be pregnant?

If you are pregnant when you have an operation, X-ray, or special scan, it may harm your unborn baby.

This is especially true at the beginning of a pregnancy, when you might not even realise that you are pregnant.

Why are you asking me if I might be pregnant, I'm not having sex?

We understand that many teenage girls are not having sex, so it is not possible for them to be pregnant. We do not know who is and who isn't sexually active, so to ensure we care for you safely, we ask everyone aged 12 and over if it is possible they might be pregnant.

By doing this, we hope to prevent the possibility of harming an unborn baby, and the distress this would cause to the baby's mother

Why are the doctors asking me for a pregnancy test?

You may be offered a pregnancy test if you are admitted for certain procedures/operations or with abdominal pain. Your doctor or nurse will explain if this is required.

What does the test involve?

The test is a simple urine test but if the results aren't clear, we may ask for a blood test

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

Ask a nurse or doctor to explain anything that you are not clear about, they will be happy to help, and you can ask them to talk in private if you wish

