



HUTT maternity

Hutt Valley Maternity Care

Following your Amniocentesis

Information for women

Today you have had an Amniocentesis. This is where a small amount of Amniotic Fluid has been removed to be sent for chromosomal testing.

The sample will now go to the Cytogenetic Laboratory in Wellington.

When to expect results

If the Obstetrician has ordered a FISH test (Fluorescence in Situ Hybridisation), the result will be available in approximately 24 - 48 hours.

A full analysis of the sample may take up to 10 – 15 working days, due to the process that is required.

Results are not available over the weekend.

How will we get results?

When the results are available the Midwife from the Secondary Care Clinic will phone you to make an appointment to see the Obstetrician.

We will try to make your appointment with the same Obstetrician that performed the procedure, but sometimes this is not always possible. We do not wish to prolong passing on your results, if we have to wait for a particular Obstetrician to be available.

It is not the Midwives role to discuss the result with you, and they will not be able to provide you with any information over the phone.

If your Amniocentesis has been done by your private LMC Obstetrician, the result will go to them at their private rooms, and they will contact you direct.

We do understand that this is a time of stress for you and your family. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Secondary Care Clinic Midwife 570 9282, or your Lead Maternity Carer.

Following your Amniocentesis

- It is recommended that you rest for the remainder of the day, with no heavy or strenuous activity.
- Some women can feel a bit crampy following an Amniocentesis; you may take Panadol for mild abdominal discomfort, as directed on the packet.
- If you experience severe pain, vaginal bleeding, or loss of fluid from the vagina, please contact your Lead Maternity Carer or the Emergency Department.

