

Information for patients and carers

At Home Pregnancy Testing

How to use the MEDICheck

hCG Home Pregnancy Test



What is a home pregnancy test?

This is a test which is used to determine the presence of the pregnancy hormone, called human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) in urine samples.

What's included in the kit?



Figure 2: hCG cassette



Figure 1: Pipette

Preparing for the test

- You must collect a sample from your first urine flow of the morning
- You will need a timer, clock or stopwatch (or smart phone)
- Perform the test in good lighting to ensure the results are read accurately

Carrying out the test

1. Remove the cassette (Figure 1) from the sealed pouch and place on a clean, level surface. Prepare to start the 5-minute countdown as soon as the urine sample is applied to the test cassette.
2. Using the pipette (Figure 2) supplied, insert the tip into the urine sample and squeeze the bulb. Release the bulb to draw up the sample.
3. Remove the pipette from the sample and dispense 2-3 drops into the sample well. Start the 5-minute countdown immediately after.

4. Read the results at the 5-minute mark. Do not interpret any result later than the 5-minute read time, as this may not be accurate. A positive result may be seen as soon as the first 40 seconds, but wait the full 5-minutes to confirm this.

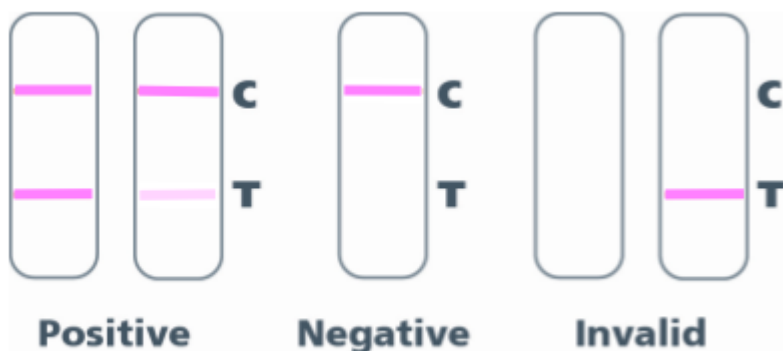
Interpretation of your results

After testing, the result must be read accurately. There are three possible outcomes.

POSITIVE – two distinct pink/purple coloured lines. One line should be in the control line region (C) and other line should be in the test line region (T). The colour intensity of the test line may vary, therefore any shade of colour within the test line region should be considered positive.

NEGATIVE – one pink/purple coloured line appears in the control region (C). No apparent colour line appears in the test line region (T).

INVALID – Control line fails to appear. The test has not worked properly, if any lines appear in the test region it is void and the test must be repeated. Please contact Gynae Assessment Unit (GAU) to collect a new test.



Reporting your results

Once you have completed the test, the results will determine the next steps you must take.

POSITIVE - please contact GEPAU to report your result by contacting **01772 524415**.

NEGATIVE – no further action required, however, please still contact GEPAU on the above number to tell us of the result so that we can update your medical records and pathway of care.

INVALID - please contact GEPAU to arrange to collect a new test.

Contact details

If you are required to report your results, then please contact GEPAU on **01772 524415** opening hours are: Monday-Sunday 07:30-20:30

For any outside of hours concerns, please contact the gynaecology ward on **01772 524878**

These contact details are also available if you require any further information or advice.

Sources of further information

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