



The Fetal Medicine Department

Information for patients who have had Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS)

Today you have had a CVS. Try to rest as much as possible for the next two to three days. Do not lift heavy articles or attempt any strenuous activities. If your job involves this kind of activity it may be wise to arrange a couple of days off work.

You may have some abdominal discomfort for two or three days (rather like period pain) and you may have a small amount of vaginal bleeding (spotting). This should settle down after two to three days, but if you are worried you should contact your general practitioner

The first part of your result (The PCR test) looking at the 3 more common chromosome differences should be available in 3 to 4 working days. You will be notified of these results by telephone.

The full chromosome analysis will usually be available in approximately 10 -14 working days. If the result is normal we will telephone you as soon as they are reported to us and send you a letter soon after this.

If the result is abnormal we will telephone you to give you the result and an appointment to see your doctor.

Results will also be posted to your doctors.

**In the meantime if you have any worries
or queries relating to your CVS, please
contact one of the CVS co-ordinators
on 0121 472 1377 ext 4270,
your local maternity unit or your G.P.**

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