

## Your Investigation and Tests

Blood Test	
Swabs	
Cervical Smear	
Pipelle Biopsy	
Ulltra sound Scan <input type="checkbox"/> X ray <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hystrosalpingogram HSG <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bone density scan	
Other	

## Investigation Results

By Letter	
Next outpatient visit	
Other	

## Referrals

Specialist Dr	
Hysteroscopy clinic	
Colposcopy clinic	
Physiotherapy	
Pre-operative assessment clinic	
Other	

## Useful Contact Number

Birmingham Women's Hospital  
**0121 472 1377**  
Switch Board for all departments

Outpatient Appointments  
**0121 623 6829**

Mon – Thurs 8.30 – 5pm  
Friday 8.30 – 14.30

Blood Tests & Pre-op Clinic  
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Mon – Fri 9am - 5pm

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# Investigations Tests and Referrals

Patient Information

## Investigations / Tests

Investigations / tests are done to help us identify, exclude, or treat the health problem you have and in some cases we may do tests to monitor the effectiveness of treatments you are given.

Some investigation and tests can be done while you're in the outpatient clinic; others will require an appointment to attend another department.

### Investigations / Tests that we regularly request include:

- Blood Tests
- Swabs (to identify infection)
- Cervical Smears
- Pipelle Biopsy (sample from womb lining)
- Ultra sound Scans or X rays
- Hystrosalpingogram HSG (X-Ray womb and tubes)
- Bone Mineral Density Scan (BMD )

## Blood Tests

These may be done on the day you attend clinic or you may be asked to return on a specific day of your menstrual cycle or prior to any ongoing treatments.

## Phlebotomy Clinic (Blood Tests)

If you need to come back for a blood test you will be given a request form to take with you when you attend.

The phlebotomy clinic is situated on the 1st Floor in Ward 2

## Opening Times

Monday -	Thursday	9am	4.45
	Friday	9am	3.30

Bank holidays clinic hours may vary.  
Ring for advice if necessary

Please ensure you have your blood request forms with you when attending or the clinic as staff will be unable to do your test without on.

## Ultra Sound Scans X-rays and HSG

If your doctor has requested a scan or x-ray for you, the appointment and any instructions you may need, will come directly from the

X-ray department. Routine scans are within three weeks and for HSG you will need to ring X-ray to book following your period.

## BMD -Bone Mineral Density Scan

Bone density scans are done at the QE hospital. The appointment will be sent directly from their department.

## Referral to another Specialist

Occasionally referral to another specialist is required for investigations and procedures that we are unable to do in outpatient clinics.

## Referrals We Request Include:

- Specialist Doctors at the Women's or other Hospitals
- Hysteroscopy Clinic
- Colposcopy Clinic
- Physiotherapy
- Pre-operative Assessment Clinic

Appointments to attend will come from the department you have been referred to.

## Cancel or Changing your Appointment

If you no longer want /or need to change the appointment, inform us as soon as possible, this enables us to offer your appointment to another patient. Contact details will be on the appointment letter you receive.

## DNA ( Did not attend ) for Appointment

You are defined as a DNA when you have not kept your appointment and didn't inform us you were not attending. **If this happens, both you and your GP will receive a letter stating you have missed an appointment. A further referral letter is then required.**

## Investigation / Test Results

In most cases once we have your results your doctor will either contact you by letter or discuss it at you next outpatient visit.

You will usually be told how you will get your results before you leave the clinic

If you expect to hear via a letter allow 2-3 weeks after you have had the investigation or test for your results letter to arrive.

## Urgent Investigations or Referrals

If you have been told you need an urgent investigation or referral you could expect to hear much sooner.

## Follow up Clinic Appointments

If you need a further appointment you will be given a slip to take to the reception desk on your way out.

- **Please do not forget to make it.**
- **You will not be sent a reminder letter.**

Alternatively you may be told you will be sent an appointment once the investigation or procedure has been done and we have the results.

## Appointments or Results not Received.

If you have been told you need....

- Further investigations
- Treatment in another department
- Referral to another specialist doctor
- Surgery / Pre-operative assessment
- Follow up outpatient appointments
- Results of investigations or test.

And you do not hear from us; please telephone your consultant's secretary.

Monday - Friday only

Direct line - 0121  
Via Switch board - 0121 472 1377