

Patient Information

Having a blood test



An easy read leaflet explaining what happens when you have a blood test at the Great Western Hospital

This information sheet is available in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email pals.team@gwh.nhs.uk

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If you are not well, your doctor will ask you to have a blood test.

Looking at blood gives the doctors a lot of information.



The doctor will give you a form to take to the Blood Test Department.

Someone can go with you.

Give the form to the receptionist who will check your name.



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You may have to wait in the busy waiting room until your name is called.



When it is your turn, you will be asked to go into a small room by the phlebotomist (person taking the blood sample).



The phlebotomist will check your name, address and date of birth.

You will need to take your coat off and pull your sleeve up. You can sit or lie down.

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A tourniquet (like a large rubber band) is tied around your arm, this makes it easier to take the blood sample. The phlebotomist will clean a small area on your arm.



The phlebotomist will use a sharp needle to take blood from your arm. This may hurt but not for long.



Press firmly on your arm with cotton wool after the blood has been taken. **Then a plaster is put on.** You can take the plaster off when you get home.

Don't worry if there is a bruise, it will go away.



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Your blood test results



The results will be sent to your doctor.



You can talk about your results and any treatment you may need at your next appointment with your doctor.



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Write your questions down here

TO DO LIST

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

If you have **any questions you would like to ask the doctor** please don't hesitate to ask. You can **write them down here before your appointment.**



You may also want to think about what it is **you want to tell the doctor about how you are feeling.**

You can write this down here so you don't forget.



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Contacting the hospital



If you have any questions about your appointment, **please phone the hospital on 01793 605041.**



If you have **any worries or concerns** about your appointment, you can also contact the **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).**



PALS listen to patients' concerns and will be happy to help you. You can **phone PALS on 01793 604031.**

The **hospital also has a website** where you can find information about the hospital.

The website address is www.gwh.nhs.uk



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From all the team here,
we look forward to meeting you soon.



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