

When will I get the results?

This depends on the condition being tested for, but the results are usually available within 2-3 weeks. When you have the amniocentesis, we will discuss with you when we expect to have the results and how you would like to be informed.

What will happen after I have received the results?

If after the result you decide not to continue with the pregnancy we will help you to liaise with your obstetrician and midwife to arrange a termination. Since the results are not usually available until 17 to 18 weeks gestation, a termination would involve induction of labour.

For additional information or support

If you have any further questions about CVS please ask your genetic counsellor, doctor or midwife.

[You could also contact:](#)

Antenatal Results and Choices (ARC)

Providing support and information for women during the antenatal testing process.

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Where is the amniocentesis done?

The amniocentesis will be done at St. Mary's Hospital or at your local hospital in the scan (radiology) department by a doctor and a midwife. You can bring your partner or someone else to support you during the procedure. You will usually need to have a full bladder for the scan and you can go home shortly afterwards.

Will the procedure need to be repeated?

How accurate is the test?

Usually the procedure is very reliable and we are able to give you an accurate result, but sometimes a further amniocentesis may be necessary, for example if there is not enough sample to do the test, or if the cells fail to grow in the laboratory.

Occasionally the result may be difficult to interpret or give unexpected information. Your doctor would discuss these results with you at the time.