

## **Why do you need to know my blood group?**

Some women are blood group Rhesus negative. It is important that we give these women an injection after the test to prevent complications related to this blood group. If you are Rhesus positive then you don't need an injection.

## **HIV infection**

It is important that you let your midwife or doctor know in advance if you are HIV positive, so that measures can be taken to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus to the baby.

## **What should I do after a CVS?**

For the first day or two you may have some crampy pain, like mild period pain. You may find it helpful to take paracetamol which is safe in pregnancy. If the CVS has been done through the cervix you will probably have a little vaginal bleeding. We advise you to take things easy for the first day or two and if possible take a couple of days off work. If you have a lot of pain or bleeding or develop a high temperature you should contact your GP or local hospital.

## **Where is the CVS done?**

The CVS is done at St. Mary's 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 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 procedure 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.