



# Isolated thrombocytosis (high platelet count): How we follow you up

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Information for Patients

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#### Introduction

You have recently been seen in the haematology clinic and been told you have isolated thrombocytosis. This means your body produces a higher amount of platelets than normal.

You have been identified as 'low risk' and if appropriate your consultant may move you into our remote monitoring clinic. This clinic uses a computer programme called "DAWN" to ensure that your blood test results are reviewed by your healthcare team.

## How we follow you up

Your consultant may advise you to take anti-platelet drugs such as aspirin or clopidogrel to help prevent platelets sticking together and forming blood clots.

You will need to have blood tests every 6 or 12 months to check your platelet count does not become too high and other blood cell counts remain normal. If we have concerns about the blood results we will arrange an appointment in the clinic or over the telephone.

#### **Blood tests**

You will need to arrange to have your blood tests at your GP surgery.

If you lose or do not receive your blood test forms please contact the DAWN clinic co-ordinator and they can arrange to send another set. If you are unable to have your blood tests done around the requested date please let us know and we can arrange a more suitable date. If you think your appointment has been missed please contact the DAWN clinic co-ordinator so that we can look into it.

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### **Symptoms**

If your blood test remain stable it is very unlikely that you will develop any symptoms or problems related to thrombocytosis.

If you have a new clot such as those listed below please contact the clinic and we will bring your appointment forward.

- Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Pulmonary embolism (PE)
- Heart attack
- Stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA mini stroke)

For any other concerns, please contact your GP

#### **Contact details**

DAWN clinic co-ordinator

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Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

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