

Screening your baby if they have jaundice after 2 weeks

Children's Day Care Unit

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Information for Parents and Carers

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What is jaundice?

Jaundice is very common in new born babies. It is when the skin or white of the eyes look yellow. Most babies with jaundice are healthy. Breastfeeding is good for your baby, but breastfed babies tend to be more jaundiced than formula-fed babies.

Babies with jaundice that lasts for more than 14 days can show signs of a problem. This is rare. Within the country we must screen all babies aged over 14 days or 21 days (if born before 37 weeks) that have jaundice.

What to expect at your appointment

A ward clerk will check your details. A nurse from Children's Day Care Unit will weigh and assess your baby.

The nurse will decide if your baby will need a blood and/or urine (pee) test.

For the urine test the nurse will put a urine bag/ pad in your baby's nappy to collect a sample.

For the blood test, a phlebotomist or a nurse will take you and your baby to the treatment room.

Please note: Every child is different and it may take more than one try to get the amount of blood we need. We will need about 3 to 4 millilitres of blood. This is so that we can do 3 different tests.

A nurse will then ask you some questions. For example your baby's feeding type and pattern. We will also ask about the colour of your baby's pee (urine) and poo (stools). We will ask about details of your pregnancy and delivery. You can talk about any concerns about your baby.

You will then be able to go home.

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The results

The results will be checked by a Deputy Sister in Children's Day Care Unit in the Prolonged Jaundice Service. We will send a letter in the post to you and your GP around 3 to 4 weeks after your appointment. This letter will explain your results.

If the test shows something unusual we may need to do another test. If we were not able to take enough blood we may need to do another test. A nurse will contact you to talk about this and offer you another appointment.

Please note: Children's Day Care Unit is a very busy ward. We always try to keep your waiting time as short as possible. If there are delays we appreciate your patience.

More information

If you have any more questions please call the numbers below Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm:

- 0116 258 6317
- 0116 258 6922

If you would like more information you can visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/jaundice-newborn/

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