

Consent form for Amniocentesis

- I would like to opt for

Amniocentesis

Sufficient information has been given to me about this procedure.

- I am aware that in this procedure a thin needle will be inserted into my abdomen.
- I know that there is a one per cent chance of miscarriage associated with amniocentesis.
- I know that there is a little chance that this test may need to be repeated.
- I must contact my doctor if I develop high grade fever, cramping abdominal pain or vaginal bleeding after the procedure.
- I am willing/not willing to give blood sample for research purpose and this will not affect my treatment.
- I am willing/not willing for my data to be used for research purposes and I know that my decision will not affect my treatment.

Patient's name: _____

MR No: _____

Doctor's name: _____

Date: _____

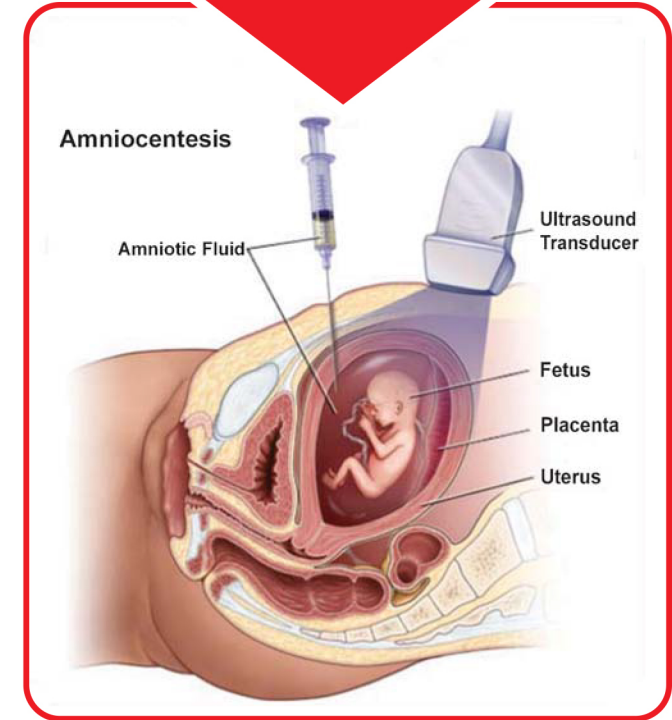
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Patient Information Guide



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Amniocentesis is a procedure in which a thin needle is inserted in the uterus and a sample of the water around the baby is taken for testing.

Reason for conducting the procedure

Amniocentesis is commonly done to test chromosomes.

Timing

It is performed when the un-born baby is 16 weeks or above.

What preparation do I have to make?

The test is booked after you have been seen by a consultant in Clinic 4. After counselling, you will be given the date for the test.

Or

Your consultant will book it for you.

The procedure is performed at the Foetal Medicine Unit located in B2 ward.

Special instructions

No preparation is needed for this procedure.

Fasting is not required.

A full-bladder is not required.

Bed rest is not required after the test. However, it is advised not to exert oneself on the day of the procedure.

Normal activity can be resumed a day after the procedure.

What should I expect?

Once you report to the FMU unit/Department, you will be attended by a nurse and taken to the Ultrasound room.

The procedure will be explained to you once again. If you have any questions, please ask right away.

You will be asked to sign a consent form.

You will have to provide your blood group.

It is mandatory to have an antibody screening before the test to check if you are Rhesus negative. In case you are Rhesus negative, Anti D is given.

Your ultrasound will be done prior to the procedure.

After cleaning your abdomen with antiseptic solution, towels and sheets and only the area where the test will be done is exposed.

If need be, local anaesthesia may be given prior to the procedure.

Is the procedure risky?

At the time of the procedure, a one percent risk of miscarriage is associated with amniocentesis.

This risk of miscarriage is reduced considerably once the procedure goes uneventful.

There is a small risk of infection after this test. In case you have fever, chills, bleeding or pain after the procedure, you must report to the hospital immediately.

If you experience flu-like symptoms, you should report to your hospital or your respective consultant.

Is the procedure painful?

You will feel negligible discomfort during the procedure. Local anaesthesia may not be necessary in some cases.

To relieve pain, if any, paracetamol can be given after the procedure.

In case of any problem, please go to the emergency room of your respective hospital or to the emergency room at Aga Khan University Hospital if you are registered for delivery at this hospital.

When will I get the results?

The results of amniocentesis take 1-2 weeks.

Someone from the lab will ask you to collect the report.

An appointment can be made to discuss the results with your primary consultant.