



Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic (EPAC)

General Information for Attending the Early Pregnancy Clinic

Lead Consultant: Mr Shamseldin

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Your GP, Midwife or Emergency Department has referred you to the Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic (EPAC) at Dorset County Hospital.

Your appointment is on

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The reason you have been referred to us, is usually because you have been experiencing bleeding and/or pain with a positive pregnancy test. You may have had recurrent miscarriages or a previous ectopic or molar pregnancy.

We understand that you may be feeling anxious at this time, and it is our aim to make your visit as easy as possible.

The clinic is in the Women’s Health Department which can be found on the ground floor in East Wing entrance 1.

There is a pay and display carpark at the hospital; although at times it can be difficult to find a space. You may want to allow some extra time for this. It is best to allow up to two hours for your visit.

You will have been given an appointment time, which includes seeing the midwife prior to the scan. They will take some general details, which then generates the scan request. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask at any time. If a friend or relative is accompanying you, they are welcome into the scan with your consent. Please be aware that only one person may be with you, and the Scan Department has a ‘no children’ policy, so if you bring your children, you will need someone to care for them.

Your scan will usually be within half an hour, but sometimes delays occur due to emergencies.

You will need a full bladder for the scan, and sometimes it is necessary to perform an internal scan for more detail. Your consent is always asked for and, if given, you will be asked to empty your bladder. Your privacy is always respected.

After the scan you will see the midwife again, who will discuss the results with you and arrange any follow up/treatment if required. Sometimes there may not be a conclusive diagnosis and you will be advised to have a further scan or a blood test. The reasons for this will be explained to you fully.

Further Information

If when you get home you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us in the clinic on the number below.

Please be aware that 'out of clinic hours' the phone is transferred to the Maternity Unit.

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