

# WID-easy Test Information

**This leaflet explains about WID-easy test, including the benefits, risks and what you can expect when you come to hospital. If you have any further questions, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for you.**

## What is WID-easy?

The WID-easy test has been developed as a new approach to more accurately and quickly assess whether a patient with post/peri menopausal bleeding is at risk of endometrial cancer. Approximately 3 out of 100 patients that experience post/peri-menopausal bleeding will be diagnosed with endometrial cancer. Traditionally, many patients have had to undergo a series of diagnostic procedures to determine whether cancer is present or not. The WID-easy test is considered a “triage test” as it helps guide next steps rather than providing a final diagnosis.

## Why should I have a WID-easy test?

The test, which requires a swab sample to be taken from the vagina has been shown to be very promising as a tool to improve the diagnostic pathway and reduce the need for invasive procedures e.g. trans-vaginal scan or hysteroscopy.

## What are the risks?

The WID-easy test is designed to be very accurate and helps many people avoid unnecessary procedures. However, no test is perfect and like any medical test, there is a small chance that the result may miss a cancer that is present, this is called a false negative.

## How can I prepare for the WID-easy test?

Please ensure you follow the advice below to prepare for your WID-easy test appointment: Avoid having sexual intercourse for 24 hours prior to the test.

Avoid using vaginal lubricants as this may impact the swab sample quality. Please note if you use creams such as estradiol, you can continue using them safely as prescribed.

If you have had a cervical smear or PAP test within 72 hours of your WID-easy appointment, please inform Gynaecology services (details at the bottom of this leaflet) as we will need to reschedule your WID-easy testing.

During the appointment you will be given the opportunity to ask questions, it might be useful to write them down to help remind you to ask the nurse caring for you.

## Who will do my WID-easy test?

A specially trained nurse will perform the test. Your privacy and dignity will always be respected.

## Can I bring a friend/partner to the appointment?

You are welcome to bring a friend or partner with you to your appointment.

## Can I bring my children to the appointment?

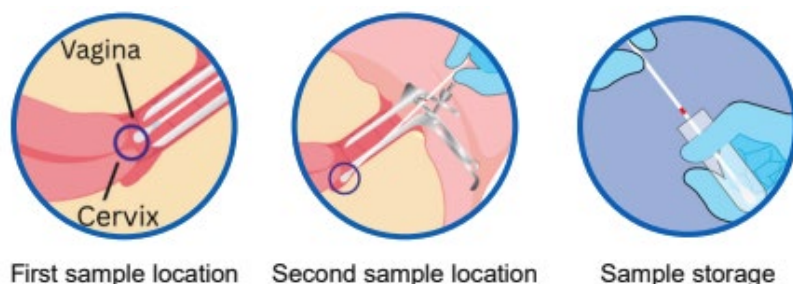
Children are not allowed into the appointment. If a child needs to come with you, please organise for a responsible adult to supervise them in the waiting area. If there is no responsible adult to supervise your child, the team will need to reschedule your appointment.

## Asking for your consent

It is important that you feel involved in decisions about your care. You can withdraw your consent at any time, even if you have said 'yes' previously. If you would like more details about our consent process, please ask for a copy of our policy. You are not required to sign a consent form before undergoing the WID-easy test.

## What happens during the WID-easy test?

Your clinician will invite you to attend a short clinic appointment to have a sample taken. Whilst you are in the waiting area, you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire about your symptoms and past medical history. During the appointment you will be given the opportunity to ask questions. You will be asked to prepare for the examination by removing



clothing below the waist, be made comfortable on a couch and placed in a position that allows an internal examination to be performed easily. Your privacy will be paramount, and a sheet is provided to cover the abdominal area. Your clinician will take a sample (<10 seconds) using a speculum from your vagina and behind your cervix. The sample swab will then be placed in a secure vial and sent to a lab for testing.

## **Will I feel any pain?**

The WID-easy test is a pain-free and easy to use swab. This is not a painful procedure but occasionally some people may feel minor discomfort. Please remember you can ask the nurse to stop at any time if you experience pain.

## **What happens after the WID-easy test?**

Your sample will be sent to a laboratory outside of St George's hospital where it will be analysed using PCR (like a Covid test). Within a few days the test result will be sent to your clinician. A member of the team will then contact you to advise on the next steps.

## **What do I need to do after I go home?**

There is no special care/advice following your appointment and you can continue with your day as normal.

## **What could the outcome of the test result be?**

The test result will have either a negative or positive result

If you receive a negative result, you are at very low risk of having endometrial cancer and you may be discharged back to your GP, who will advise on next steps. Some patients will be invited to attend a follow up clinic within 6-8 weeks, but this will be based on the reason for your referral, and an appointment will be sent in the post if this is required.

If you receive a positive result, you will be at higher risk of having endometrial cancer and will be contacted for a further diagnostic procedure (hysteroscopy). It is important that you make every effort to attend this appointment and not delay your visit.

## **Useful sources of information**

[aghealth.co.uk/wid-easy-patient-information](http://aghealth.co.uk/wid-easy-patient-information)

## **Contact us**

If you need to change your appointment, contact Gynaecology services:  
020 8725 5950.

If you are running late for your appointment, please contact:  
020 8725 1111.

**For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [www.stgeorges.nhs.uk](http://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk)**

## Additional services

### Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or care. You can contact the PALS team on the advisory telephone line Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2pm to 5pm.

A Walk-in service is available:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 4pm

Friday between 10am and 2pm.

The Walk-in and Advisory telephone services are closed on Wednesdays.

Please contact PALS in advance to check if there are any changes to opening times.

PALS is based within the hospital in the ground floor main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough wings.

**Tel:** 020 8725 2453 **Email:** [pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

### NHS UK

The NHS provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health.

**Web:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

**Tel:** 111

### AccessAble

You can download accessibility guides for all our services by searching 'St George's Hospital' on the AccessAble website ([www.accessable.co.uk](http://www.accessable.co.uk)). The guides are designed to ensure everyone – including those with accessibility needs – can access our hospital and community sites with confidence.



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