

Blood tests at Leigh View Medical Practice

Appointments are available at Leigh View for registered patients who have had their blood test requested by a GP. Patients **cannot** decide to have (or book) a blood test without the prior approval of their GP.

- **How to book a blood test**

Patients should telephone Leigh View Reception on 0113 253 7628 and ask for a blood test appointment (Phlebotomy).

Blood test appointments can also be booked on our online booking system (bring photo ID to reception to register to use the online system).

At Leigh View Medical Practice, there are a wide range of appointment times blood tests.

The GP will let you know if it needs to be a “fasting” blood test, where you do not eat or drink for several hours prior to the test. Such tests mean a morning appointment is preferred.

- **Is it urgent?**

Patients who need their bloods taken very urgently will **try** to be accommodated as soon as possible if medically urgent. If it is more urgent, patients can go straight to one of the hospital blood clinics.

- **Housebound?**

Patients who are medically housebound, can receive a home visit from one of the Phlebotomists from Leigh View Medical Practice.

- **Phobia ?**

Patients with any concerns or phobia about blood taking should inform the GP. There are various options available for supporting patients.

Exceptions – blood tests not available at Leigh View

Leigh View Medical Practice does not offer the following blood tests:

- × **Warfarin** blood tests (INR)
 - ⇒ Available instead at Morley Health Centre or the hospital clinics
- × **Children's** blood tests if the child is 11 or younger.
 - ⇒ Available at one of the hospitals only (see back page for contacts)
- × Tests for **Consultants from hospitals outside of Leeds** where the patient does not have the Consultant’s request form.
- × Tests for **private researchers**, without the prior consent of the GP.

A blood test request from a Hospital Consultant

The practice is able to collect blood samples at Leigh View Medical Practice for some tests requested by hospital consultants providing that:

- The consultant’s request form & bottles are brought in to the appointment
 - Leigh View Medical Practice can no longer print off requests for any hospitals outside of Leeds Hospitals Trust.
- The test is a standard test which the Leeds laboratory are able to analyse.
- The Hospital Consultant is aware of when the test is being sampled and that they know to look out for the results.
- The patient contacts the consultant for the result, not the GP practice.
- The test is not for Warfarin, a child under 12 or for a private research company.

Patients should please note that even if the test that the consultant has requested is a regular one, a blood form/bag and relevant blood bottles for each and every test should be brought to each blood appointment at Leigh View. All blood samples need to be sent off with a pre-completed form and pre-complete bottled signed by the consultant to ensure that the results go directly to the consultant.

Unless under the care of a Leeds Consultant, patients who forget to bring their consultant’s blood request form & bottles will ALWAYS need to re-book.

Children

Taking blood from children requires specialist training and additional time. Blood taking for children aged 11 and under is only available at the hospital phlebotomy clinic. See back page of this leaflet for hospital details.

Children aged 12 and over can have their blood taken at the practice if requested by the GP. The GP may prescribe a special numbing cream.

Where the samples go

Blood samples taken by Leigh View Medical Practice are tested at a laboratory at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust.

When the results will be back

The results of blood tests tend to be available after 3-5 days.

Patients should always call for their results and never ever assume that the GP will contact you nor that no news is good news.

Patients should telephone 0113 253 7628 after 11:30am after 5 days.

ONLY the patient themselves can call for test results, not family members unless prior signed consent is on file.

Hospital blood clinics

Patients can choose to attend a blood clinic at the hospital. The benefit of the hospital walk in clinics is that no appointment is necessary, and so patients have less time to wait for an appointment and slightly less time to wait for their results.

The following information is a guide to the hospital walk in clinics' opening times and contact details (correct as at October 2016). It is important that patients have already had a request made by a GP or Consultant.

The patient **must** take with them a copy of the blood labels or blood bag from the consultant or GP. The Reception staff at Leigh View Medical Practice can arrange for these forms to be printed only if they are from a Leigh View GP or Leeds Consultant.

Patients should ideally attend the hospital that they are under the care of.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinderfields Outpatient Phlebotomy Service 	0844 8118110 or 01924 541440.	8am to 4.30pm They are closed for staff training on the third Tuesday of EVERY MONTH from 8am to 11am.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James: Chancellor Wing (1st floor). 	0113 2064712	8:30am - 5:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James: Bexley Wing Oncology (1st floor). 	0013 2068256	8:30 am - 5:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James: Bexley Wing Haematology (3rd floor). 	0113 2067572	8:30am - 5:00pm excluding Tue mornings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds General Infirmary: B-Floor Brotherton Wing 	0113 3923684	8:30 - 5:00 walk in (children until 4:30pm)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds General Infirmary: A-Floor Clarendon Wing 	0113 3923611 (Antenatal)	8:30 - 1:00 and 14:00 - 17:00

- **Take the blood test request form with you!!**

The doctor will print out the "Leeds ICE" request form and hand to the patient/parent. Patients **MUST** take the request form with them to the hospital.

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& contact details for the hospital blood clinics