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Test based on scientific data to determine if a person is pregnant A modern hormone pregnancy test, showing a positive result A series of pregnancy test strips, taken one per day at the beginning of a pregnancy A pregnancy test is used to determine whether a person is pregnant or not. The two primary methods are testing for the pregnancy hormone (human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)) in blood or urine using a pregnancy test kit, and scanning with ultrasonography.[1] Testing blood for hCG results in the earliest detection of pregnancy.[2] Almost all pregnant people will have a positive urine pregnancy test one week after the first day of a missed menstrual period.[3] This image depicts how the hormone hCG, produced by pregnant people's placentas, is detected in urine pregnancy tests to indicate a positive result. Identified in the early 20th century, human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) is a glycoprotein hormone that rises quickly in the first few weeks of pregnancy, typically reaching a peak at 8- to 10-weeks gestational age.[4][5] hCG is produced by what will become the placenta.[6] hCG testing can be performed with a blood (serum) sample (typically done in a medical facility) or with urine (which can be performed in a medical facility or at home). The assays used to detect the presence of hCG in blood or urine are generally reliable and inexpensive. Secretion of hCG can occur as soon as 6 days following ovulation and on average 8-10 days following ovulation; this is the earliest hCG can be detected in a blood sample.[7][5][8] The hCG concentration in blood is higher than in urine. Therefore, a blood test can be positive while the urine test is still negative.[9][10] Qualitative tests (yes/no or positive/negative results) look for the presence of the beta subunit of human chorionic gonadotropin in blood or urine. For a qualitative test the thresholds for a positive test are generally determined by an hCG cut-off where at least 95% of pregnant people would get a positive result on the day of their first missed period.[11] Qualitative urine pregnancy tests vary in sensitivity. High-sensitivity tests are more common and typically detect hCG levels between 20 and 50 milli-international units/mL (mIU/mL). Low-sensitivity tests detect hCG levels between 1500 and 2000 mIU/mL and have unique clinical applications, including confirmation of medication abortion success.[12] Qualitative urine tests available for home use are typically designed as lateral flow tests. Quantitative tests measure the exact amount of hCG in the sample. Blood tests can detect hCG levels as low as 1 mIU/mL, and typically clinicians will diagnose a positive pregnancy test at 5mIU/mL.[11] Table 1. Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) detection thresholds by test type and sample type Urine pregnancy test Blood pregnancy test Detection thresholds High-sensitivity: Qualitative test: 20 to 50 mIU/mL, depending on test Low-sensitivity: Qualitative tests: 1500-2000 mIU/mL, depending on test Qualitative test: 5 to 10 mIU/mL, depending on test Urine test: 1 to 2 mIU/mL for an ultrasensitive test There is a multilevel urine pregnancy test (MLPT) that measures hCG levels semiquantitatively. The hCG levels are measured at 10,000 mIU/mL. This test has utility for determining the success of medication abortion.[13][14] Single intrauterine pregnancy, first trimester. The gestational sac is pictured (black-appearing on ultrasound) containing a fetal pole and yolk sac (circular structure beneath fetal pole.) Obstetric ultrasonography may also be used to detect and diagnose pregnancy. It is very common to have a positive at-home urine pregnancy test before an ultrasound. Both abdominal and vaginal ultrasound may be used, but vaginal ultrasound allows for earlier visualization of the pregnancy. With obstetric ultrasonography the gestational sac (intrauterine fluid collection) can be visualized at 4.5 to 5 weeks gestation, the yolk sac at 5 to 6 weeks gestation, and fetal pole at 5.5 to 6 weeks gestation. Ultrasound is used to diagnose multiple gestation, which cannot be diagnosed based on the presence of hCG in urine or blood.[15] Determination of the gestational age of the embryo/fetus is an additional benefit of ultrasound compared to hCG tests.[16] The control line of this pregnancy test is blank, making the test invalid. The control line on the left of this pregnancy test is visible, suggesting that the test result is valid. A pale purple line has also appeared on the right hand side (the test line) which clearly signifies that the subject is pregnant. A systematic review published in 1998 showed that home pregnancy test kits, when used by experienced technicians, are almost as accurate as professional laboratory testing (97.4%). When used by consumers, however, the accuracy fell to 75%; the review authors noted that many users misunderstood or failed to follow the instructions included in the kits.[17] False positive pregnancy test results are rare and may occur for several reasons, including: user error in performing and interpreting the test, biochemical pregnancy (loss of pregnancy before signs of pregnancy are apparent on ultrasound, likely very soon after implantation), and non-pregnant production of the hCG molecule (i.e. secretion due to a tumor or the pituitary gland, some diseases of the liver, cancers, including choriocarcinoma and other germ cell tumors, IgA deficiencies, heterophile antibodies, enterocystoplasties, gestational trophoblastic diseases (GTD), and gestational trophoblastic neoplasms).[18][3] bacterial contamination and blood in urine[19] Spurious evaporation lines may appear on many home pregnancy tests if read after the suggested 3-5 minute window or reaction time, independent of an actual pregnancy. False positives may also appear on tests used past their expiration date.[20] Urine tests can be falsely positive in those that are taking the medications: chlorpromazine, promethazine, phenothiazines, methadone.[19] aspirin, carbamazepine and drugs that cause high urinary pH.[21] False negative readings can occur when testing is done too early. hCG levels rise rapidly in early pregnancy and the chances of false negative test results diminish with time (increasing gestational age).[22] Less sensitive urine tests and qualitative blood tests may not detect pregnancy until three or four days after implantation.[23] Menstruation occurs on average 14 days after ovulation, so the likelihood of a false negative is low once a menstrual period is late. Ovulation may not occur at a predictable time in the menstrual cycle. A number of factors may cause an unexpectedly early or late ovulation, even for people with a history of regular menstrual cycles.[24] Medical providers often struggle to 'rule out' pregnancy for medical testing or treatment that cannot be conducted during pregnancy before they can do an accurate urine pregnancy test.[25] More rare, false negative results can also occur due to a "hook effect", where a sample with a very high level of hCG is tested without dilution, causing an invalid result.[26] Pregnancy tests may be used to predict if a pregnancy is likely to continue or is abnormal. Miscarriage, or spontaneous abortion or pregnancy loss, is common in early pregnancy.[27] Serial quantitative blood tests may be done, usually 48 hours apart, and interpreted based on the knowledge that hCG in a viable normal pregnancy rises rapidly in early pregnancy. For example, for a starting hCG level of 1,500 mIU/ml or less, the hCG of continuing, normal pregnancy will increase at least 49% in 48 hours. However, for pregnancies with a higher starting hCG, between 1,500 and 3,000 mIU/ml, the hCG should rise at least 40%, for a tumor or greater than 3,000 mIU/ml, the hCG should increase at least 33%.[28] Failure to rise by these minimums may indicate that the pregnancy is not normal, either as a failed intrauterine pregnancy or a possible ectopic pregnancy.[28] Ultrasound is also a common tool for determining viability and location of a pregnancy. Serial ultrasound may be used to identify non-viable pregnancies, as pregnancies that do not grow in size or develop expected structural findings on repeated ultrasounds over a 1-2 week interval may be identified as abnormal.[29] Occasionally, a single ultrasound may be used to identify a pregnancy non-viable; for example, an embryo that is greater than a certain size but that lacks a visible heart beat may be confidently determined to be not viable without the need for follow up ultrasound for confirmation.[29] Research has identified at least one other possible marker that may appear earlier and exclusively during pregnancy. For example, early pregnancy factor (EPF) can be detected in blood within 48 hours of fertilization, rather than after implantation.[30] However, its reliable use as a pregnancy test remains unclear as studies have shown its presence in physiological situations besides pregnancy, and its application to humans remains limited.[31] Jan Steen's The Doctor's Visit. Included in this 17th-century painting is a depiction of a dubious pregnancy test: a ribbon dipped in the patient's urine and then burned.[32] Records of attempts at pregnancy testing have been found as far back as the ancient Greek and ancient Egyptian cultures. The ancient Egyptians watered bags of wheat and barley with the urine of a possibly pregnant person. Germination indicated pregnancy. The type of grain that sprouted was taken as an indicator of the fetus's sex.[33] Hippocrates suggested that a person who had missed their period should drink a solution of honey in water at bedtime; resulting abdominal distention and cramps would indicate the presence of a pregnancy. Avicenna and many physicians after him in the Middle Ages performed uroscopy, a nonscientific method to evaluate urine. Selmar Aschheim and Bernhard Zondek introduced testing based on the presence of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) in 1928.[34] Early studies of hCG had concluded that it was produced by the pituitary gland. In the 1930s, Doctor Georgeanna Jones discovered that hCG was produced not by the pituitary gland, but by the placenta. This discovery was important in relying on hCG as an early marker of pregnancy.[35] In the Aschheim and Zondek test, an infantile female mouse was injected subcutaneously with urine of the person to be tested, and the mouse later was killed and dissected. Presence of ovulation indicated that the urine contained hCG and meant that the subject was pregnant. A similar test was developed using immature rabbits. At the beginning of the 1930s, Hillel Shapiro and Harry Zwarenstein, who were researchers at the University of Cape Town, discovered that if urine from a pregnant person was injected into the South African Xenopus frog and the frog ovulated, this indicated that the subject was pregnant. This test, known as the frog test, was used throughout the world from the 1930s to 1960s, with Xenopus frogs being exported in great numbers.[36][37] Shapiro's advisor, Lancelot Hogben, claimed to have developed the pregnancy test himself, but this was refuted by both Shapiro and Zwarenstein in a letter to the British Medical Journal. A later article, independently authored, granted Hogben credit for the principle of using Xenopus to determine gonadotropin levels in a pregnant person's urine, but not for its usage as a functional pregnancy test.[38] Hormonal pregnancy tests such as Primodos and Duogynon were used in the 1960s and 1970s in the UK and Germany. These tests involved taking a dosed amount of hormones, and observing the response a few days later. A pregnant person does not react, as they are producing the hormones in pregnancy; a subject who is not pregnant responds to the absence of the hormone by beginning a new menstrual cycle. While the test was (is) generally considered accurate, research advancements have replaced it with simpler techniques.[39] Immunologic pregnancy tests were introduced in 1960 when Wide and Gemzell presented a test based on in-vitro hemagglutination inhibition. This was a first step away from in-vivo pregnancy testing[40] [41] and initiated a series of improvements in pregnancy testing leading to the contemporary at-home testing.[41] Direct measurement of antigens, such as hCG, was made possible after the invention of the radioimmunoassay in 1959.[42] Radioimmunoassays require sophisticated apparatus and special radiation precautions and are expensive. Organon International obtained the first patent on a home pregnancy test in 1969, two years after product designer Margaret Crane noticed that the laboratory testing procedure was relatively simple and made a prototype. The product became available in Canada in 1971, and the United States in 1977, after delays caused by concerns over sexual morality and the ability of potentially pregnant people to perform the test and cope with the results without a doctor.[43] Another home pregnancy testing kit was based on the work of Judith Vaitukaitis and Glenn Braunstein, who developed a sensitive hCG assay at the National Institutes of Health.[44][45] That test went onto the market in 1978.[46] In the 1970s, the discovery of monoclonal antibodies led to the development of the relatively simple and cheap immunoassays, such as agglutination-inhibition-based assays and sandwich ELISA, used in modern home pregnancy tests. 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The NHS advises that ovulation usually occurs roughly two weeks before your next period would start. If you need help working out when you last ovulated, or when to expect it next, you can try our ovulation calculator, as well as getting more details on how ovulation works. If you've been keeping track of your cycle, and you know that you've hit 12dpo, then knowing what's happening in your body can help to manage the last few days before you're likely to get an accurate result on a pregnancy test. We've brought together the research from the NHS, Healthline, and other fertility experts to help you to understand the symptoms you might experience at 12dpo and when you can start accurately testing. What's happening in my body at 12dpo? Exactly what's going on depends on a few factors, from how long and regular your menstrual cycles are to when you last had sex. However, there are a few specific options as to what's happening. At 12dpo, it's possible that: an egg has been released and made it down the fallopian tube without being fertilised (you're not pregnant) an egg has been released and fertilised, but hasn't yet implanted in your womb (you may be pregnant) an egg has been fertilised, and has implanted in your womb (you are pregnant) To give you an idea one how these can happen, here's a breakdown of how the process normally works: On the day you ovulate, an egg is released by one of your ovaries and enters your fallopian tube. Over the course of roughly 24 hours, the egg heads to your womb, which is the window in which it can be fertilised. If the egg meets sperm, then there's a chance that one of them will fertilise it. If that doesn't happen, it'll keep going to your womb, and will leave your body when you have your next period. Sperm can stay alive for up to five days inside your body, so if you've had sex within that many days before you ovulate, or up to 24 hours after, then there's a chance the egg will have been fertilised by the time it makes it to your womb. When a fertilised egg gets to your womb, then it might implant into your uterus. Implantation generally occurs between 6-12 days post ovulation, so today is generally speaking the last day that it could happen. Before a fertilised egg implants in your uterus, your body begins to produce the pregnancy hormone hCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin. This is what pregnancy tests are looking for in your urine, though according to Healthline it can take around 7-12 days after implantation for there to be enough hCG for pregnancy tests to pick up. hCG is also responsible for some of the early pregnancy symptoms like nausea, sore breasts, and fatigue. What symptoms might I experience at 12dpo? Given that the egg might only have implanted today, or a few days before, you're still unlikely to experience pregnancy symptoms at 12dpo. You might well be pregnant, but it usually takes at least a week before hCG has risen to levels that will cause symptoms, or are high enough to for a pregnancy test to detect. It's made a bit harder to tell by the similarity between early pregnancy symptoms and PMS. However, if you had an early implantation, then you might well start to notice early symptoms at this stage. According to the NHS here are some of the symptoms that you might experience: feeling or being sick feeling more tired than usual sore or tender breasts peeing more often strange tastes, smells or cravings Learn more about the early signs of pregnancy. What have other Netmums experienced? Our TTC section of the Netmums Forum is full of other women who are, or were, in a similar time in their conception journey. Here's what some of them have had to say about their experiences at 12dpo: "So today I'm 12dpo with a bfn! I've had cramps since OV which is unusual for me! They eased off now! But I've had so many inhale symptoms. Honestly, I would of put money on it being this month due to my body feeling so different!! Anyhoo... would you reckon a FRER would show by now if I was? I'm due in the 3 days so you'd think they'd be a line even if faint by now!! I'm quite deflated tho as I was so convinced!! Has anyone ever heard of this happen and have a BFP? X' - Nat W (later posts indicate she was not pregnant) "So today I'm 12po and period due today based on last month's cycle but my cycles can vary from 28-34 days so might be just that it's going to be a bit later this month but I'm just wanting to hear from people who didn't get their BFP till after 12dpo? And I don't mean you waited to test when AF due and didn't get BFP but people who tested every day and didn't get it till later." I'm trying not to get my hopes up but my boobs are still very much sore and normally they tail off a few days before AF due, my temp is still elevated as well and today I've woken up feeling quite sick/fuzzy head almost like I'm gonna get a head cold (which it could very well be the start of one) but starkers BFN's every day. I have only been using internet cheapies so I am gonna go get a FRER today. Someone please give me hope ☹️' - Sal C (later posts indicate she was pregnant) "We have been trying for a baby for 8 months and still nothing had one chemical but that's it. This month I thought we had done it. Loads of symptoms, boobs massively and sore, really sensitive to smells (can't even stand our dog near me as the smell of dogs is making me gag) 😞 tired, headaches and cramps. My cycles are just 27 days so surely it would have shown up by now! With my first I didn't test until after I missed my period for a few days as I wasn't planned. Maybe I should just be patient, but it's really hard." - Anon (later posts indicate she was not pregnant) "I'm pretty sure I'm out this month! However yesterday I would have been 12dpo and was quite crampy in the morning but it eased off and today have had nothing. Good sign? I'm really hoping something comes of this! My boobs are quite sensitive! And I'm an emotional wreck! But that could be just a period!! Holding off till Friday to test! My husband thinks that it won't be our month this month! And I will be super shocked if it is!!' - Abby W (later posted to say she was pregnant) "Hi! I'm at 12 DPO and I feel like I have all these early pregnancy symptoms but had a bfn this morning... I've been really fatigue, have cravings (maybe that's just me and my appetite), white stretchy CM, tender nipples, etc... Maybe overthinking the symptoms? Iris Y (later posted to say she was not pregnant) "Sorry if it's TMI. So I'm 12dpo. I've had uterine discomfort for over 7 days now, also a lot of gases. I felt nauseous but I'm starving... I had BBT drop 3 days ago and now a big rise. Today after work I got home and my panty liner was full of a milky yellowish CM. I dont wanna test as I had 3 early miscarriages, but this time is a lot of different things going on... Idk... what you girls think? Christina S (later posed to say she was pregnant) Can I take a pregnancy test at 12dpo? The NHS recommends not taking a pregnancy test until the day that you're expecting your next period to start. This is usually around 14dpo if you have an average 28-day menstrual cycle. That means that at 12dpo it's still a couple of days too early to take a pregnancy test. There are some extra-sensitive tests that might give you a result from 9dpo, though the longer you wait the more accurate they are. Getting a negative result this early doesn't necessarily mean that you're not pregnant, as it might have only happened today! If you can manage to wait two more days, you'll have a better chance of getting an accurate result, especially if you had an early implantation. This will give the hCG levels time to build up enough for the test to pick it up. Learn more about when to take a pregnancy test. Trying to get pregnant and want to make your chances as high as possible? Find out some of the easy steps you can take to increase your chances of getting pregnant - from fertility tracking, to your health, to what your partner can do. How can I get through the TWW? Making it to the end of the Two-Week Wait can feel like a marathon, especially if you're trying to hold off on taking tests. Symptom spotting is totally normal, and don't be hard on yourself if you can't wait any longer and take an early test. You're not alone! It can help if you find an enjoyable way to distract yourself and take your mind off it. You might have a series you've been meaning to binge, or a book you've wanted to read for a while. You could try taking up a new hobby or learning a new skill, or spend some time with family and friends. Try to keep in mind that the longer you wait, the closer you get to an accurate pregnancy test. If you're struggling with the wait, you might find it helpful to join one of the Trying to Conceive Clubs on our Forum. You'll find other parent-hopefuls who are in the same boat, or have their own TTC experiences to share that could set your mind at ease. We have put together a list of some of the ways to survive the TWW, which might help get you to the finish line. We're crossing our fingers that you get your BFP! More on DPO If you want to keep an eye on your potential pregnancy symptoms and what's going in your body on each day post ovulation, check out our articles from day 1 to 19DPO • 2DPO • 3DPO • 4DPO • 5DPO • 6DPO • 7DPO • 8DPO • 9DPO • 10DPO • 11DPO • 12DPO • 13DPO • 14DPO • 15DPO • 16DPO • 17DPO • 18DPO • 19DPO