



Having A Pre-Operative Check



This leaflet will tell you what happens when you have a check-up before an operation

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If you are going into hospital for an operation you might have to go in before for some checks.



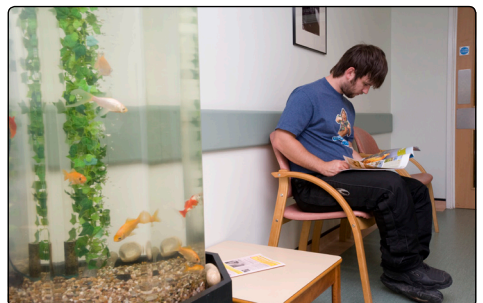
This is to make sure you are well enough to have your operation.



When you arrive at the place for your test the person on reception will check your name and address.



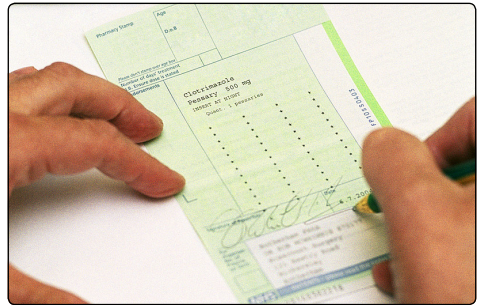
They will ask you to sit and wait for the nurse.



The nurse will call you into a room. You will be asked questions about your health.



If you take any medicines or tablets you must bring a prescription from your doctor (GP).



The nurse will check your blood pressure. This is done by putting a band on your arm which gets tighter and then loose.



The nurse will weigh you and check how tall you are.



The nurse will ask you to have a blood test. This means that you will have to give some of your blood.



The nurse will tie a strap around your arm which will help find your vein where the blood is.



The nurse will put a needle into your arm. It might hurt a little bit like a scratch for a short time afterwards.



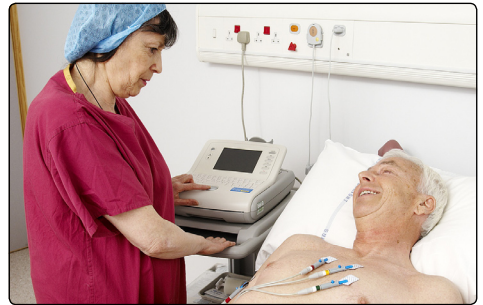
Your blood will be put in small tubes which will be sent away to be tested.



You might be asked to wee into a small pot. This is called a urine sample.



You might have a test that is called an ECG. This shows how your heart is working. This test does not hurt.



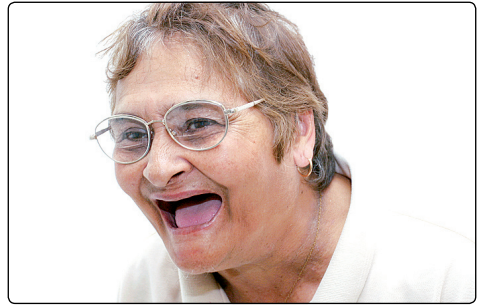
Everyone who comes for an operation has to be tested to see if they have germs on their skin.



The nurse will use a thing like a long cotton wool bud to wipe inside your nose and mouth.



It only takes a few seconds. It might tickle. It will not hurt.



When the tests are finished a doctor might come to talk to you about the general anaesthetic.



Anaesthetic is the medicine you will be given to make you go to sleep before the operation.



The doctor will ask you some more questions and you can ask questions about the operation.



When the nurse and doctor have all the information they need you can leave.



If your checks are okay, the operation will happen. You will be told the date for the operation.



Notes



Queries



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