

## Pregnancy Test Procedure: When Can I Carry Out the Test?

You can take this pregnancy test from the first day after a missed period and onwards.

## Specimen Collection and Handling:

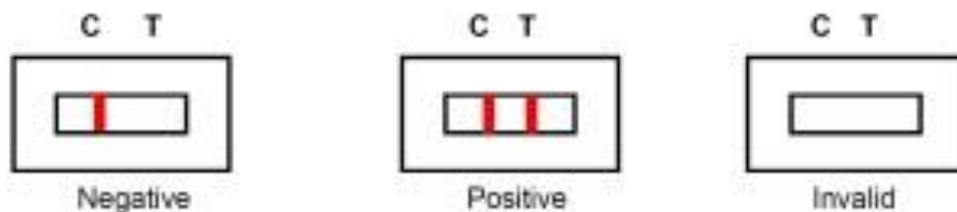
A urine specimen must be collected in a clean and dry container. The first morning urine specimen is preferred since it generally contains the highest concentration of HCG; however, urine specimens collected at any time of the day may be used.

## To Carry Out the Test

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  - a. Bring the test pouch and urine to room temperature. To begin testing, open the sealed pouch and remove the cassette.
  - b. Place the test Cassette laterally on a flat and clean surface. Draw 0.2ml (about 4 drops) sample into the pipette, and dispense it into the sample well on the cassette.
  - c. Wait for coloured bands to appear. Positive results may be visible within 1 minute but to confirm a negative result wait up to 5 minutes and until the background is clear. Results obtained after 5 minutes may be considered invalid.
  - d. Discard the test after use.

## Interpretation of Pregnancy Test Results

See the image below of the pregnancy test results that you should see in the window.



**Negative:** If one coloured line appears in the control region on the pregnancy test cassette and there is no line in the test region, then this indicates a negative result, no HCG has been detected in the urine. This means you are either not pregnant or you have tested too early. If you are not sure repeat the test in 48 hours.

**Positive:** If two coloured lines appear on the pregnancy test cassette, one in the test region and one in the control region, then this means there is a strong possibility that you are pregnant — HCG has been detected in your urine. One line may be lighter than the other, they do not have to match and this is still a positive result.

**Invalid:** If a red line appears in the test region but there is no visible line at all in the control region of the pregnancy test cassette then the test is invalid. If no lines appear anywhere on the test device then the test is also invalid and should be repeated using another pregnancy test device.

## Limitation of the Pregnancy Test:

Alcohol may interfere with the test result. It is not recommended to use the test after drinking alcohol.

If you test too early HCG levels may still be low and so can give a negative result. In this case, another urine specimen should be obtained at least 48 hours later and tested.

If a urine sample is too dilute (i.e.: low specific gravity) it may not contain a representative level of HCG. If pregnancy is still suspected, a first morning urine sample should be obtained and retested 48 hours later.

As is true with any diagnostic procedure, the user should evaluate data obtained by the use of this kit in light of other clinical information and consult their doctor for the final diagnosis of pregnancy before making any decision of medical relevance.