

Patient information

Anomaly screening: incomplete screening result

Purpose of anomaly screening

Screening tests are used to find people at higher chance of a health condition. At around 20 weeks of pregnancy, a scan is offered for 11 physical conditions in your baby. It cannot find every condition.

To look for the 11 conditions, the scan looks in detail at your baby's:

- Abdomen (tummy)
- Bones
- Brain
- Face
- Heart
- Kidneys
- Spine

Further information about the purpose and risks of screening, as well as more detailed information about the conditions screened for is available in the leaflet "Screening Tests for you and your baby", available in multiple languages here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/screening-tests-for-you-and-your-baby>



Screening tests for you and
your baby

www.gov.uk/phe/pregnancy-newborn-screening

Screening is not perfect and might provide an incorrect result. It may lead to personal choices about your pregnancy.

Possible results of the scan

In most cases, the scan will show that your baby appears to be developing as expected and does not have any of the 11 physical conditions screened for.

Sometimes it is difficult to get a clear view of your baby. This might be because your baby is lying in an awkward position or you are above average weight. This does not mean there is anything to worry about.

In this case, you will be offered a second scan by 23 weeks of pregnancy. The sonographer will try to complete the scan at this next appointment, but it is not always possible.

Occasionally, this second scan cannot be completed. In this case, you will not be offered another screening scan, but you will be offered an all-over physical examination of your baby after birth. This is known as the new born physical screening examination.

Scans cannot find all conditions. There is always a chance that a baby may be born with a condition that could not be seen on the scan.

Private screening options

Further screening options are available privately outside of the NHS. We cannot recommend private providers.

Not having the test

Screening is your choice. Some people want to find out if their baby has a condition and some do not. If you choose not to have the anomaly screening, the rest of your antenatal care will be unaffected.

Contact details

If you have any questions, please contact the Antenatal and Newborn Screening Co-ordinator midwives on 01284 712567 or email: annbscreening@wsh.nhs.uk



Fetal anomaly screening: 20-week scan

www.gov.uk/government/publications/fetal-anomaly-screening-20-week-scan

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