

## Having a Blood Test

### **Why do I need a blood test?**

The doctor has asked you to have a blood test.

The blood test can help the doctor decide what treatment you may need.

Please tell the person taking blood if you are afraid of needles or have had any problems with blood tests before.

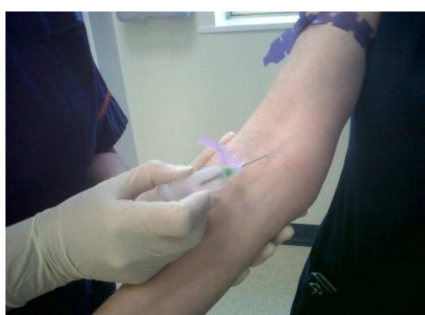
### **Will it hurt?**

You will feel a small pin prick or scratch but after this it will be painless. You may get a bruise or a small lump but this will fade.

### **What will happen?**



A member of staff will put a band around your arm just above the elbow.



A small needle will be put into your arm which may feel like a small pin prick.



Blood will then go into the small sample bottles and the needle removed.



A plaster will be put on.

Tell staff if plasters give you a rash or redness.

**The test is finished and you can leave.**

### **What happens to the blood samples?**

They are sent to be tested and the doctor will receive most results within 7 days.

### **How do I get my results?**

The doctor may need to talk to you about your results. If you have not had your results within 10 days you can ring the surgery.