

Tubal Patency Ultrasound Information Sheet

Patient Information: You have been advised to have a Tubal Patency procedure to help find the cause of your fertility problems. This leaflet has been designed to explain what is involved with the procedure. It may not answer all your questions, so if you have any queries, Dr Myuran Ponnam-Palam who will be performing the procedure; will help and advise you.

What is a Tubal Patency? A Tubal Patency checks whether the fallopian tubes are open or blocked. It is a procedure which is performed for checking the shape of the uterine cavity and tubal patency and can go forward with the type of treatment that is required for women having trouble falling pregnant.

How to prepare for the procedure? The Tubal Patency Assessment is a safe and effective test to examine patency of the fallopian tubes. Mild period like cramping should be expected. Taking mild analgesic tablets, 30 minutes beforehand may reduce your discomfort (if any). Ideally you should have the test performed just after you have finished your period.

How is the procedure performed? It starts with a normal transvaginal ultrasound to assess your uterus, ovaries and pelvis. This is followed by a doctor inserting a speculum to visualise the entrance into the uterus, then a small tube is inserted into your uterus. The small tube is used to inject a small amount of saline into the uterus. This allows to accurately assess the shape of the cavity of the uterus and whether there is any abnormality to the cavity.

The final part of the procedure is to watch the saline flow through the fallopian tubes.

Who will scan me? Dr Myuran Ponnam-Palam is specially trained in conducting the procedure.

How long will the scan take? Your scan appointment is usually booked for 15-30 minutes. Although every attempt is made to scan patients on time, delays may occur due to unforeseen circumstances.

Fees: All Tubal Patency procedures performed by Dr Myuran Ponnam-Palam will have a \$120 fee applied for the consultation. If you have Medicare, this fee will be rebatable. The total rebate you will receive is \$54.35 (out of pocket \$65.50)

