

TUBERCULOSIS “MANTOUX” TESTING

1. Patients will need to make an appointment either by telephone by someone who speaks **good English**, who can give us all their details and understands what we are telling them, i.e.
 - The date and time of their appointments
 - Where the Harrow Health Care Centre is situated and how to get here
 - They will need **two appointments 48 hours apart** – the first is to have the test, the second is to “read” the test [see how their arm has reacted to the test]
 - They need to bring their passports with them to both appointments.
 - They need to arrive **at least 15 minutes** before their appointment time to fill in forms for the nurse.
 - If they arrive late and the nurse has a full clinic, they will not be seen but will still have to pay for their missed appointment.
 - They will have to pay for this test. **Our fee is currently £50** but this may increase and they should check this when they book their first appointment.
2. We do not offer a walk in service. All appointments must be pre-booked either by telephone or in person.
3. We may have to charge for appointments which have been booked but patients fail to attend.

Monday and Wednesday Morning Clinics – First Appointments for the Mantoux Test

4. They must be able to come either on a Monday or Wednesday morning to have the test and **must then return exactly 48 hours later** i.e. the following Wednesday morning (if they have had a Monday test) or Friday morning (if they had a Wednesday test) at the same time of the morning for the test results to be checked.
5. They will need to pay our fee before they leave the surgery after their first appointment.

Wednesday and Friday Morning Clinics – Second Appointments for Test “Reading”

6. When they return 48 hours later for their second appointment, the nurse will look at the site of their arm where the test has been given. If there is any doubt whether the test is positive or negative, the nurse will call the doctor in – the patient needs to understand they may have to wait until the doctor is free to do this.
7. If the test result is considered to be positive, the nurse explains they will need to go the Northwick Park Hospital Chest Clinic. The nurse will give the patient a letter to take to the hospital to arrange this **before** they leave Harrow Health Care Centre.
8. They will not have to pay any extra fee for going to the hospital.

All Visits

9. **If the patient does not speak fluent English they must bring a translator with them every time they** come to the Harrow Health Care Centre. If they come alone and cannot fully understand or make themselves understood in English, in the interests of patient safety, our nurse will not be able to see them.
10. They need to bring their passport with them to confirm their identity on both visits and show this to the nurse. This is because we may have different nurses on duty on different days and even the same nurse will need to see the passport at the second visit.
11. The Harrow Health Care Centre is situated on the corner of Pinner Road and Devonshire Road. It is about 5 minutes walk from Harrow on the Hill Station and is on the **183 and H18** bus routes.

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