

## RhD immunoglobulin (Anti-D)

RhD immunoglobulin (Anti-D) is a product which is administered to RhD Negative women during pregnancy to minimise the risk of developing antibodies. Your doctor or midwife has indicated that you should receive this product.

Anti-D is made from blood collected from Australian blood donors, as a free gift to you. It has been shown to be a safe and reliable product. Your doctor or midwife will provide you with a prescription for Anti D. He/she will direct you where to go to collect this product.

Anti-D is administered as an injection, usually at 28 and 34 weeks of pregnancy (or other indications as recommended by your doctor or midwife). You must make arrangements with your doctor or midwife for the injection to be given. Prior to administration, the bottle of Anti-D must be kept refrigerated. A record is kept of the specific bottle issued to you; it is important you receive your designated bottle.

If you have questions regarding Anti-D, you should ask your doctor or midwife.

### How is your Anti-D Prescription processed?

1. When you arrive at ACT Pathology, the pathology reception staff will take your prescription and check that all the appropriate details are present on the form.
2. You will then be asked to take a seat and wait for the prescription to be filled.

The dispatch of the product is a relatively straight forward task and should ordinarily take no longer than 15 minutes. However, as the primary role of the Transfusion Laboratory is to provide blood and blood products, priority is given to emergency and/or trauma patients. In this event there may be delays in completing your prescription. ACT Pathology apologises for this inconvenience.

3. Staff will process your Anti-D prescription; product details such as the batch number and expiry date are recorded against your name in the computer. A final report is printed, at the counter you will be asked to sight the name on this report and sign for the product.
4. Take the Anti-D to your doctor or midwife for administration.

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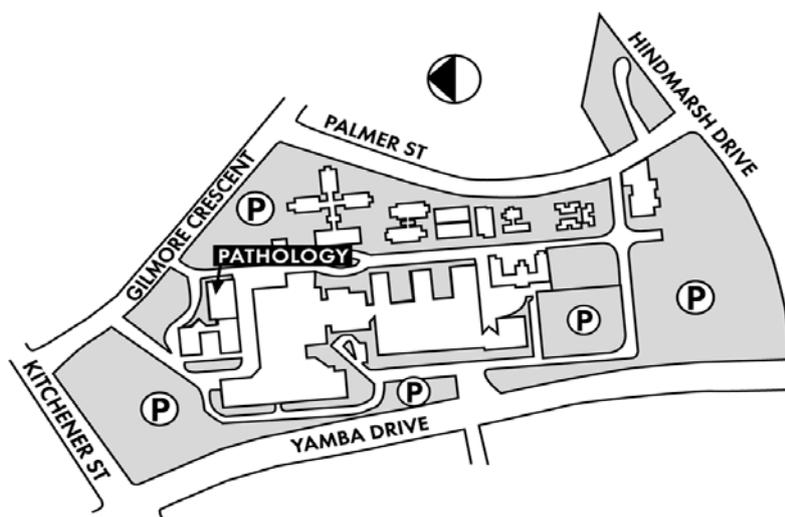
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