

## Why Have I Been Referred To The Fetal Medicine Unit?

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Your sonographer suspects or has found a problem with your baby, the exact nature of this may not be clear at this stage. The sonographer will explain to you the reasons for her/his concerns. You will be offered an appointment to see a Consultant in the Fetal Medicine Unit at Liverpool Women's Hospital so they can assess your pregnancy via specialist scan(s).

### What is the Fetal Medicine Unit?

Most pregnancies progress without any complications. However, sometimes a mother or her unborn baby needs extra care from our highly experienced Fetal Medicine team - made up of specialists including fetal consultants, midwives and healthcare assistants. As a specialist unit within Liverpool Women's, we receive many referrals from health professionals throughout the North West and further afield.

### When Will I Be Seen?

We aim to offer you an appointment within 3-5 working days from your ultrasound scan in our Fetal Medicine Unit. However if your baby is suspected as having a problem needing specific multidisciplinary input you may wait a little longer in order to see the appropriate professionals.

### What Happens Next?

We know this is a worrying time for you and your family. We are aware that it is very stressful waiting for a follow up scan to clarify the findings. You will be contacted by a Fetal Medicine Midwife by telephone or post to inform you of the date of your appointment as soon as possible.

*Please do not forget to bring your hand held notes to your appointment.*

### Who Can I Contact For Further Information & Support?

- **Fetal Medicine Unit** 0151 702 4072 9-5pm Monday to Friday
- **Maternity Assist** – online information and support for women booked into maternity care at Liverpool women's Hospital - please type Maternity Assist into your search engine or use this web address: <https://liverpool-womens.custhelp.com/>
- **Antenatal Results & Choices (ARC)** – a national charity helping parents and healthcare professionals through antenatal screening and its consequences - 020 7713 7356 or use this web address: <https://www.arc-uk.org/>

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