

Bone Marrow Collection

Your doctor has requested a bone marrow biopsy.

As this test is only preformed at select collection centres by a qualified doctor you will need to contact QML Pathology on 07 3121 4573 to make an appointment and to receive more detailed information.

What to Expect:

Pre-procedure, you will have to fast for a short period (under 6 hours), and may have to adjust some medications.

A bone marrow biopsy is done under **local anaesthetic** often with laughing gas or light sedation.

The biopsy is normally taken from a bony point at the back of the pelvis above the buttock.

A needle will be used to collect the sample.

The procedure usually takes between 10-15 minutes.

You may briefly experience some pain during the collection – while injecting local anaesthetic, as the needle enters the marrow and when the marrow is removed.

There are no stitches needed. Once test is complete a dressing is placed over the area.

After the collection you need to stay for a while to ensure you recover without any issues – this may be for up to 2 hours if you receive intravenous (IV) sedation.

Most people are able to return to work/normal activities the following day.

Find a collection centre

For a full listing of our collection centres and operating hours, or to find another centre close by, please scan the QR code with your smart phone.

