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**Unmistakable** - clear digital results

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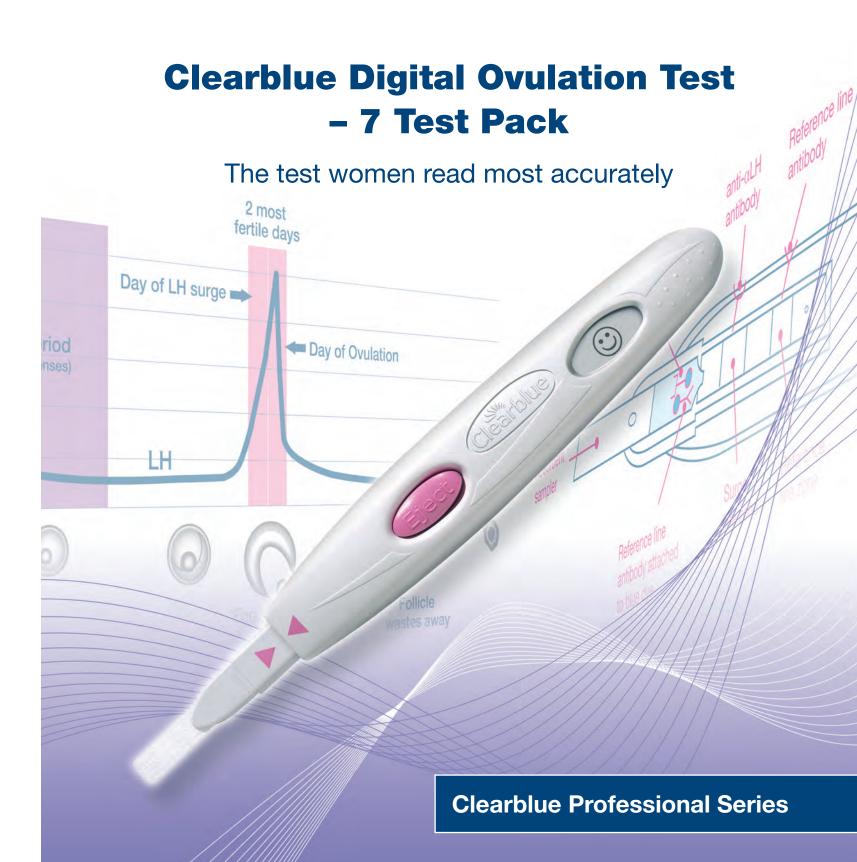


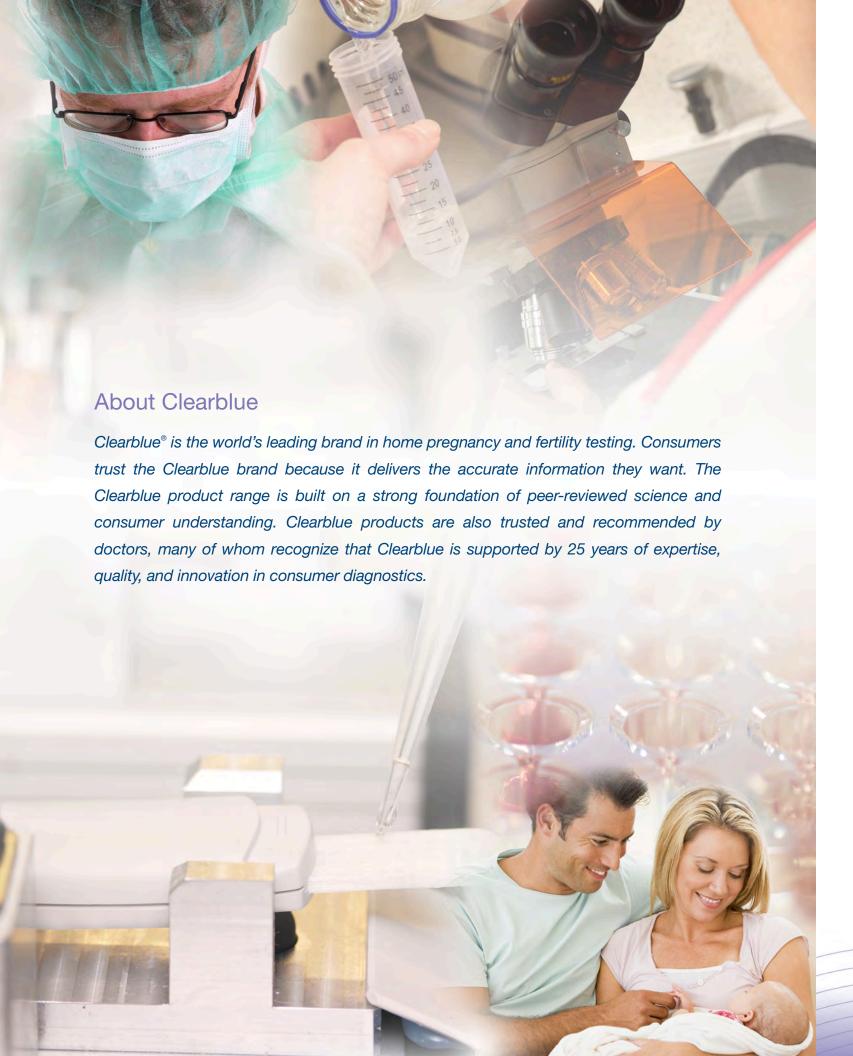
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### Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test

The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test is an easy-to-use home ovulation test, which is over 99% accurate in detecting the LH surge, and which provides an easier and more accurate reading in consumers' hands than traditional line tests.

# Proven method of detecting peak fertility

There are only a few days per cycle when a woman is fertile and can conceive. Evidence shows that this time of high fertility usually spans six days, starting approximately five days prior to ovulation and ending on the day of ovulation itself.<sup>4</sup> The two most fertile days of this six-day window are known as peak fertile days. These peak fertile days are one day prior to ovulation and the day on which ovulation takes place.<sup>5</sup>

Predicting when ovulation occurs can be beneficial for women who are actively trying to conceive. Data show that women who are aware of their peak fertile days have an increased likelihood of conceiving when compared to women who are unaware of their ovulatory pattern.<sup>6,7</sup> The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test helps women to pinpoint the two most fertile days in their cycle by measuring levels of luteinizing hormone (LH). LH levels rise rapidly 24-36 hours prior to ovulation (i.e. during the time of peak fertility – see Figure One),<sup>8</sup> with various studies showing that this 'LH surge' is an accurate and reliable marker of impending ovulation.<sup>9-13</sup> Extensive laboratory studies have shown that the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test is over 99% accurate at detecting the pre-ovulatory LH surge.<sup>1</sup>

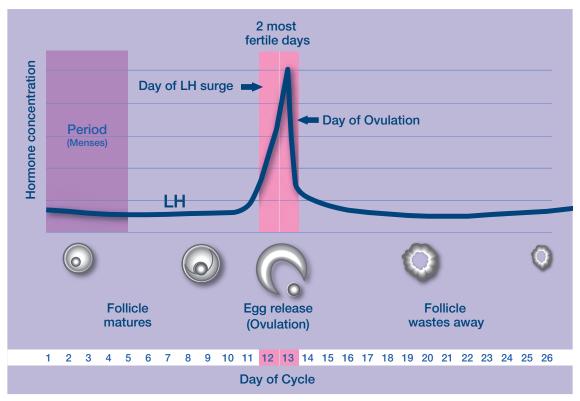


Figure One: An example of how the LH surge could appear during a menstrual cycle

# Adapts to a woman's own LH surge threshold

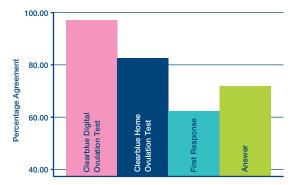
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#### More effective than a five-stick test

The day the LH surge occurs varies from woman to woman and from cycle to cycle. Moreover, data show that cycle length itself varies by seven days or more in 46% of women aged 18-40 years.14 Therefore, compared with traditional home ovulation tests with only five Test Sticks, the two additional Test Sticks in the Clearblue Ovulation Test - 7 Test Pack gives women a greater chance of detecting their LH surge and time of peak fertility.<sup>15</sup>

# Most accurate reading - easier to read than a 'line test'

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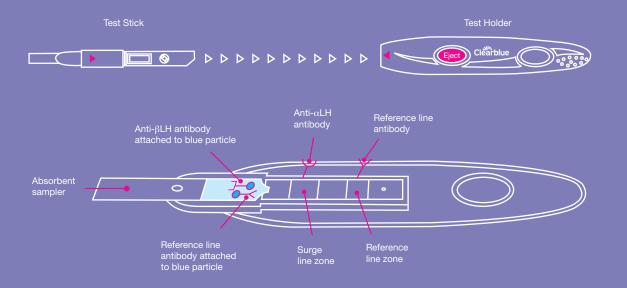
# Additional points

- . A woman who does not know her usual cycle length is advised to wait for at least one menstrual cycle, and note the length of this cycle, before using Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test. She can then refer to the chart supplied on the inpack leaflet to determine when she should start testing.
- If a woman's cycle length is shorter than 21 days she should start testing on day 5. If her cycle is longer than 40 days, she should start testing 17 days before she expects her next period.
- Users should always read the manufacturer's instructions for any medication they are taking before conducting a test.
- Certain medical conditions and medications can adversely affect the performance of the Test; for example if a woman is pregnant or has recently been pregnant, has reached the menopause or has polycystic ovary syndrome this may produce a misleading result. This may also be true for a woman taking fertility drugs containing Luteinizing Hormone or human Chorionic Gonadotrophin. It is advised in these cases that she checks with her doctor.
- · Clomiphene citrate does not affect the tests, but may affect the length of the cycle and, therefore, when to start testing. A user may need to start a new pack and use the new Test Holder and Test Sticks to continue testing.
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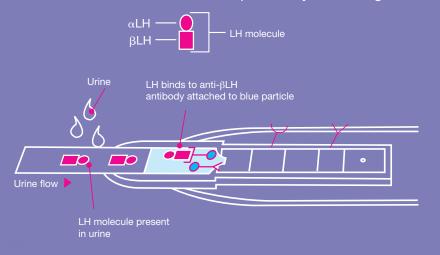
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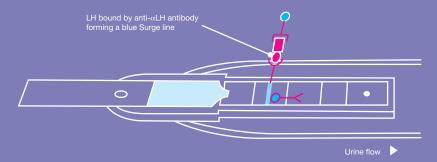
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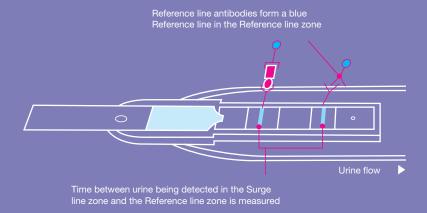
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#### Test behaviour with urine sample on day of LH surge

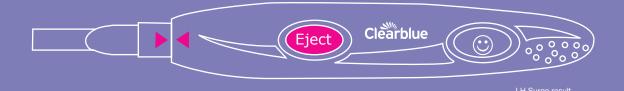




If no LH is contained in the urine sample, then the blue particles are not captured in the Surge zone and continue on to the end of the strip. No blue Surge line appears in the Surge zone. The flow of urine also facilitates the movement of the Reference antibody on blue particles. As the urine flows, reference blue particles are captured in a Reference line zone situated towards the end of the strip. This forms a blue line which is similar to that found in the Surge zone, and which occurs whether LH is present or not in order to show that the test has worked correctly. The addition of this Reference line enables the Digital Reader to check whether the test has completed successfully and ensures that the Surge line reading is only taken when the urine flow is completed (i.e. usually after three minutes have elapsed). Measurement of the flow of blue particles along the strip is also monitored to check there are no errors whilst the test is running.



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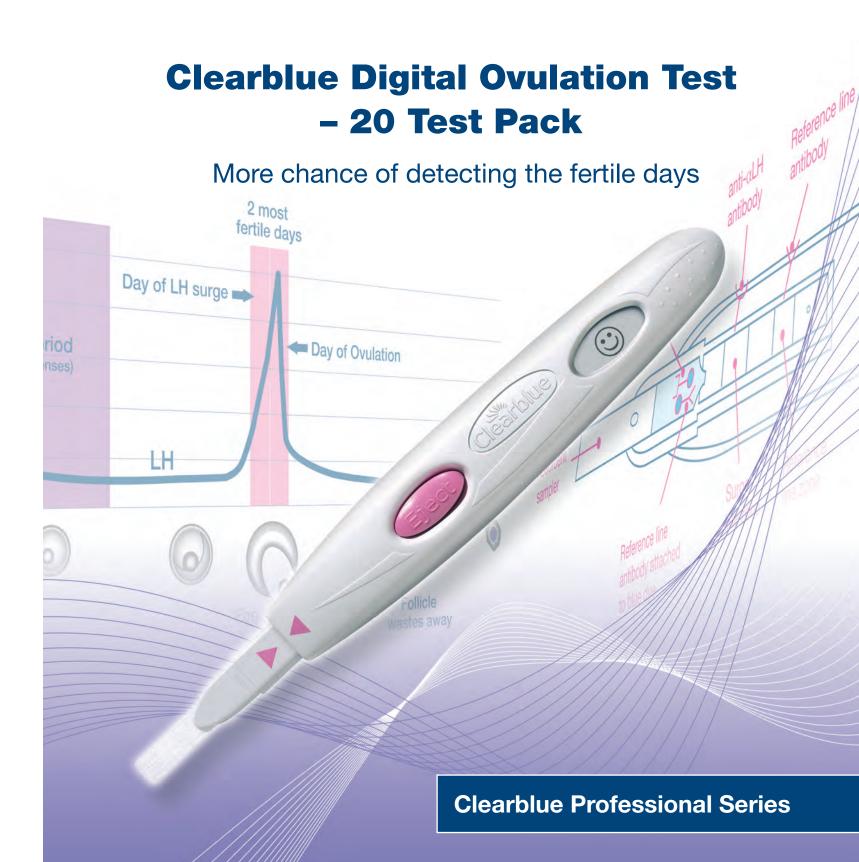


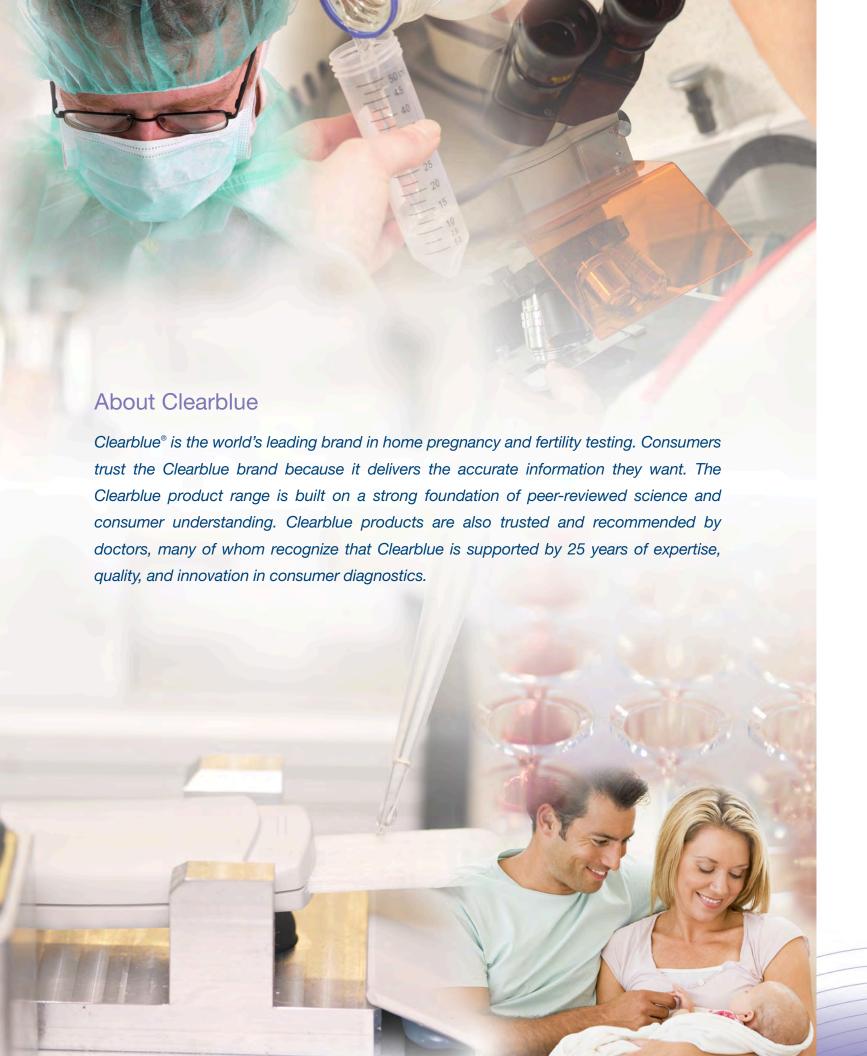
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#### Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack

# The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack gives women more chance of detecting their fertile days.<sup>1</sup>

Getting pregnant is something that most people believe should happen quickly and easily. However, because many women have a limited understanding of their own fertility,<sup>2</sup> getting pregnant can often take longer than expected.

A healthy couple in their 20s has just a one-in-three chance of conceiving in any one cycle, and for older women, the likelihood of conception is even less.<sup>3</sup> As a result, an increasing number of couples now appreciate the benefits of using effective, easy-to-use, personalized ovulation tests, which inform them when their chance of achieving pregnancy is most likely.

The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack provides four important benefits for women who are trying to conceive; it is more than 99% accurate;<sup>4</sup> it gives women a great chance of detecting their fertile days, even if their cycle lengths are variable;<sup>1</sup> it is extremely easy to use; and it provides clear, digital results.

#### More than 99% accurate

There are only a few days per cycle when a woman is fertile and can conceive. Evidence shows that this time of high fertility usually spans six days, starting approximately five days prior to ovulation and ending on the day of ovulation itself.<sup>5</sup> The two most fertile days of this six-day window are known as peak fertile days. These peak fertile days are the one day prior to ovulation and the day on which ovulation takes place.<sup>6</sup>

The fertile period is affected by:

- The lifespan of the egg, which is up to 24 hours after ovulation
- The lifespan of sperm which is more variable, but is typically 3-5 days. Sperm survival is dependent on the type and quantity of the mucus within the cervix, and the quality of the sperm itself.

Predicting when ovulation may occur is critical for women who are actively trying to conceive. Data show that women who are aware of their peak fertile days have an increased likelihood of conceiving. The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack helps women to pinpoint the two most fertile days in their cycle by measuring daily levels of luteinizing hormone (LH). LH levels rise rapidly 24-36 hours prior to ovulation, with various studies showing that this 'LH surge' is an accurate and reliable marker of impending ovulation. Extensive laboratory studies have shown that the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack is over 99% accurate at detecting the pre-ovulatory LH surge.

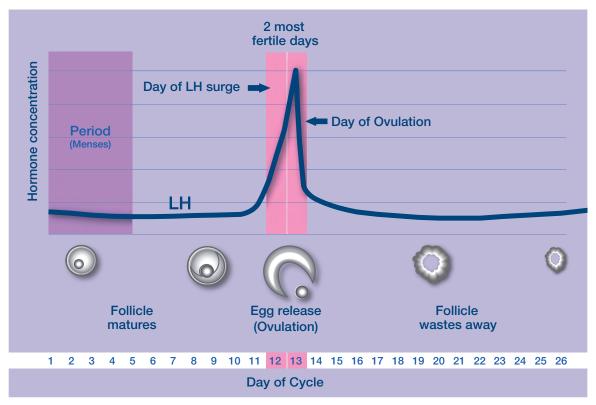


Figure One: An example of how the LH surge could appear during a menstrual cycle

# Works for women with variable cycle lengths

The menstrual cycle begins and ends with the first day of menses (Day 1).<sup>15</sup> It is generally assumed that the menstrual cycle lasts for 28 days. However, cycle length varies both between and within women. Indeed, data show that cycle length varies by seven days or more in 46% of women aged 18-40 years.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, variations of fewer than eight days between the longest and shortest cycles are now considered normal; irregular cycles are defined as having 8-20 days variation in cycle length; and only variations of over 21 days are considered extremely irregular.<sup>16</sup>

The menstrual cycle is divided into two phases: follicular and luteal. The follicular phase commences at the onset of menses. This phase lasts until ovulation, which is triggered by the LH surge and marks the start of the luteal phase (see Figure One).

Many studies have been conducted to measure the lengths of the follicular and luteal phases. These reports have found that whilst variation exists with regard to total menstrual cycle duration between and within women, such variation appears to result from changes in the early, follicular phase of the cycle.<sup>17</sup>

Because of these differences in follicular phase length, the day of the LH surge varies from woman to woman and from cycle to cycle. Therefore, compared with traditional home ovulation tests with fewer Test Sticks, the additional Test Sticks in the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack gives women a greater chance of detecting their LH surge and time of peak fertility. The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack uses up to 20 Test Sticks per cycle, with measurements starting on day six (or day 12 if a typical cycle is longer than 40 days). When compared to a 7-Stick Test, the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack is significantly more likely to identify a woman's peak fertile days. Data show that a 7-Stick Test identifies the peak fertile days in 74-80% of cases, whereas the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test 20 identifies the peak fertile period in more than 99% of cases.

### Adapts to a woman's own LH surge threshold

As many women have small levels of LH present in their urine throughout their cycles, the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test does not measure the LH surge to a constant uniform threshold. Instead, the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test sets a personalized threshold level for each woman, by measuring their change in LH level from baseline. This is an obvious advantage over visual tests which ignore the fact that different women have different baseline LH levels and that levels can even vary between cycles.

#### Easy to use

The Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test – 20 Test Pack comprises 20 foil-wrapped Test Sticks and an electronic Test Holder. The pack also contains an instruction leaflet. An abbreviated version of these instructions is provided below:

Prior to using the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test, the user must remove a Test Stick from its foil wrapper, take off the Test Stick cap, and insert the Test Stick into the Test Holder. The Test Stick and Test Holder are marked with pink arrows. The user must align these when inserting the Test Stick into the Test Holder. The Test Stick clicks into place when inserted and the 'Test Ready' symbol appears on the Display.

When the 'Test Ready' symbol appears, the user simply holds the Absorbent Sampler in her urine stream for 5-7 seconds. Alternatively, she can collect a sample of urine in a clean, dry container and immerse the sampler in the collected specimen for 15 seconds. After 20 to 40 seconds, the Test Ready symbol will flash to show that the Test is working.



### Provides clear, digital results

It has been shown that 1 in 4 women can misread a traditional line test. <sup>18</sup> However, the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test has a clear, digital display that provides one of two simple results. Within three minutes, the Test Holder automatically reads and interprets the Test result and delivers a O for a 'No LH surge' result and a © for a positive 'LH surge' result. This gives consumers confidence that they have used the device correctly. Indeed, a recent study which compared four leading ovulation test brands found that the Clearblue Digital Ovulation Test was the test that women read most accurately (see Figure Two). <sup>19</sup>

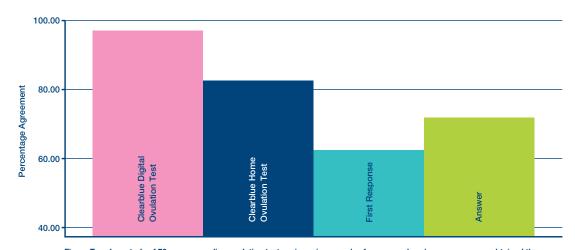


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#### Additional points

- Women should normally start testing on day six. However, women whose typical cycle lengths are 41 days or more should start testing on Day 12.
- Testing should take place at approximately the same time each day, but not within four hours of the last urination.
- Users should always read the manufacturer's instructions for any medication they are taking before conducting a test.
- Certain medical conditions and medications can adversely affect the performance of the Test; for example if a woman is pregnant or has recently been pregnant, has reached the menopause, or has polycystic ovary syndrome, this may produce a misleading result. This may also be true for a woman taking fertility drugs containing Luteinizing Hormone or human Chorionic Gonadotrophin. It is advised in these cases that she checks with her doctor.
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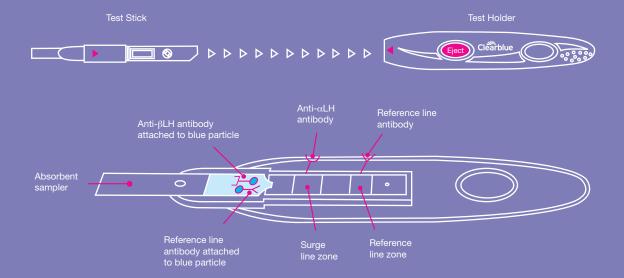
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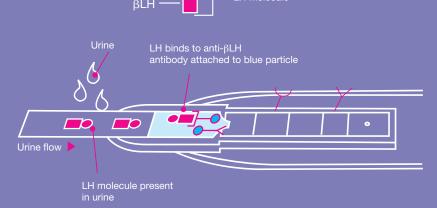
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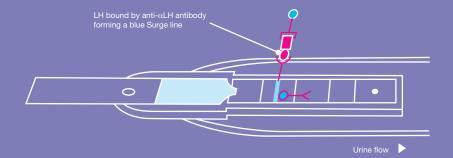
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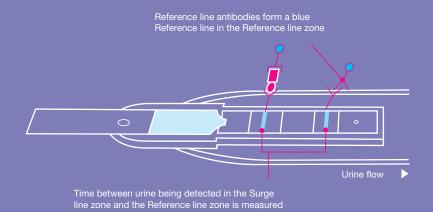
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# Test behaviour with urine sample on day of LH surge





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