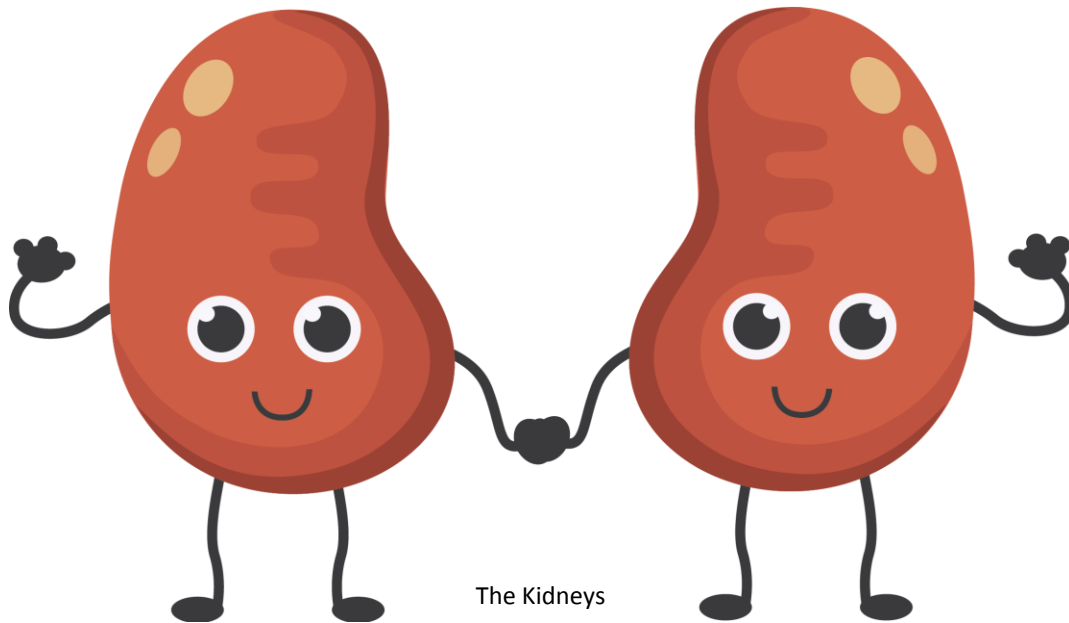




Something in my child's pee? This leaflet gives advice on your child's urine test.



What has the urine test shown?

Your child has had a urine test when they were in the emergency department. This has shown protein in their urine. Protein is important in the body, but there shouldn't be much in the urine. Lots of protein in the urine is called proteinuria. Proteinuria can happen if your child has been poorly. This can be from a urine infection, diarrhoea and vomiting, or being generally unwell. Much less often, it can be a sign of a problem with your child's kidneys, but we can't tell that whilst there are other things making your child unwell.

What does this mean for my child?

Whilst your child is unwell, it is difficult to know if the protein in the urine matters. When your child is better (in 1 – 2 weeks), **please give a sample of urine to the GP** from their first urine that they pass after they wake up in the morning. You will have been given a container to collect and put the sample in before you leave the emergency department. If there is still protein, your GP will need to repeat the test.

Your GP will receive a letter from the emergency department.

If you have any questions, please ask.