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## ANAL PHYSIOLOGICAL STUDIES

### What is this?

These are special tests that investigate the strength of the anal muscles and nerves.

### When is it performed?

It is part of the investigations for faecal incontinence and pelvic floor problems.

### How is it done?

Small balloons and finger probes are placed into the anal canal.

### Where is it performed?

Westmead Public Hospital in the Colorectal Clinic on Monday mornings.

### Do I need any preparation?

No preparation is required.

### Am I asleep?

No. The test requires you to respond to some instructions.

### Is it painful?

Generally not unless there is another painful anal problem. The balloon is very small.

### When do I get the results?

Results will be given the same day.

### What is the follow up?

This will be arranged at the clinic.