



Explain why a retest is important.

Patients can enter a reminder in their phone or diary to repeat the test in 3 months, or the practice can send them a reminder.



How to discuss this with patients:

*“It’s very common to be reinfected with chlamydia, and this can increase the chance of causing a condition called pelvic inflammatory disease. It’s good to check again for a new infection in 3 months.*

*We can send you a reminder text when it’s due. You could also put a reminder in your phone now.”*



Provide the patient with a swab and/or pathology request form at the time of treatment, so they can access a retest directly from a pathology lab.



How to discuss this with patients:

*“I can give you a form and a swab now if that would work for you?”*

*You can just drop this bag with the sample and form at your nearest pathology collection centre.”*



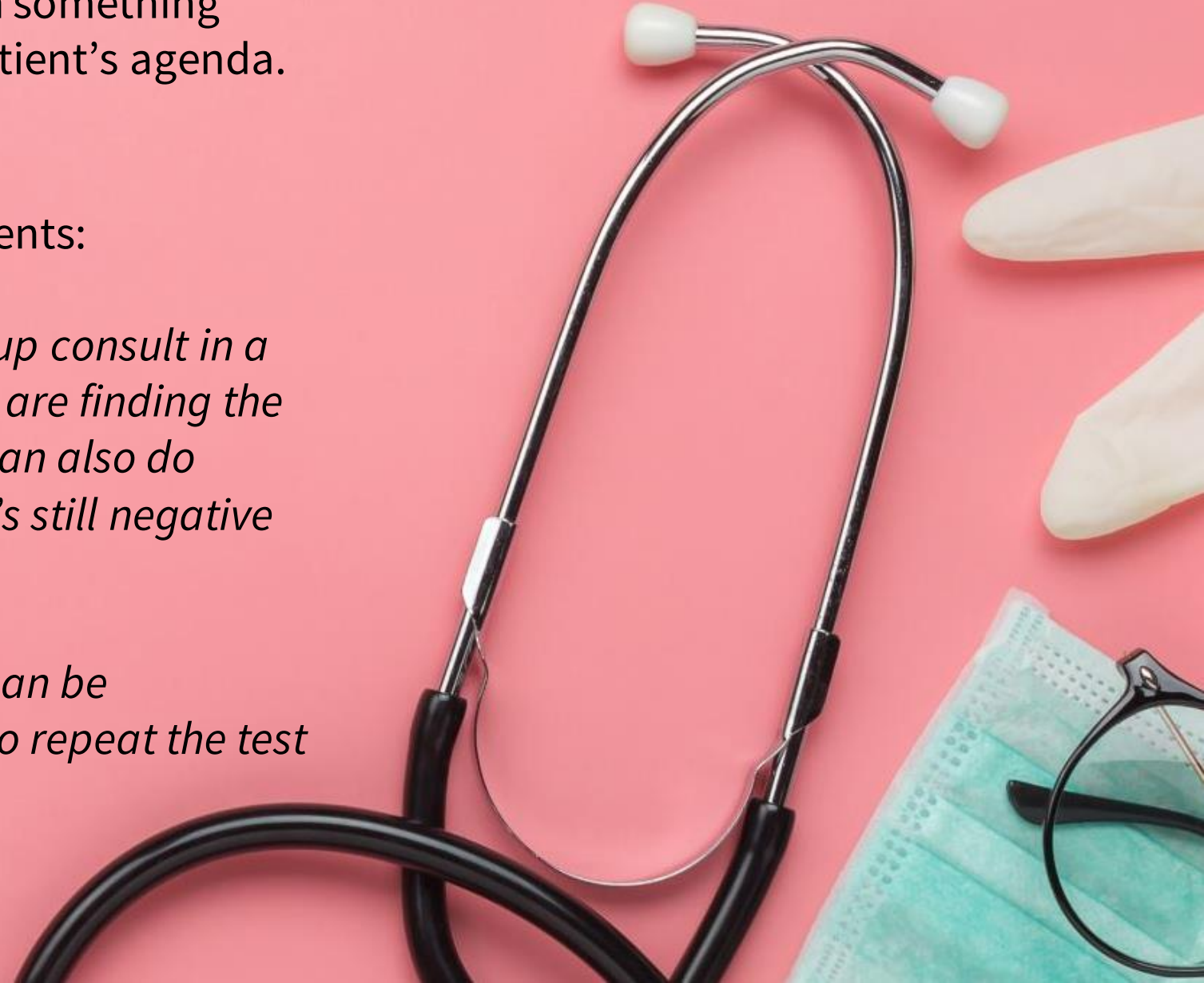
Plan a follow-up consult with something that may be higher on the patient's agenda.



How to discuss this with patients:

*“Why don’t we book a follow-up consult in a few months to check how you are finding the implant (Implanon), and we can also do another swab to make sure it’s still negative for chlamydia?”*

*We know one in four women can be reinfected, so it’s important to repeat the test at that time.”*





You can add a comment to the client's file.

In Best Practice, for example, a comment will show up in bold red, which can remind you to offer a retest opportunistically.



How to discuss this with patients:

*“I noticed that it’s just over three months since we treated that chlamydia infection. Would it be OK if we did another swab today to check you haven’t acquired another infection?”*

*We offer this to everyone as we know reinfection is very common.”*

