

Venesection Information for Polycythaemia Patients

Pathlab has received a referral from your doctor requesting that we arrange therapeutic venesection for you. We provide venesection services at many of our locations throughout Waikato.

Your doctor will have discussed with you how often you should have a blood test and should have given you a regular blood request form. Each time you have these regular blood tests, Pathlab will check if you need another venesection. Please also ensure you have your bloods taken at a Pathlab collection centre, otherwise we will not be able to check your results.

If you do require a venesection, one of our team will contact you via phone call or text to organise a venesection appointment at your nearest location. Please then arrange a suitable date and time for you to attend this procedure.

At the time of your venesection, the person performing your venesection will ensure that appropriate authorisation has been given – you may be asked to show your text message if you have provided us with a cell phone number. Please remember to bring along your “Referral for Therapeutic Venesection” form. If this is your first time having a venesection with us, this form should be available to pick up at your first appointment.

To avoid extra venesections, appointments should only be made as directed by Pathlab or your specialist. Your referring doctor remains overall responsible for your care if you have concerns about your polycythaemia.

If you need to change appointments at any time, please contact your local collection room or our main collection centre in Hamilton (07 8580799).