



MEDICAL VENESECTION – NEW REQUEST FORM

Pathlab offers a therapeutic Venesection service to patients with medical conditions where regular Venesection is required. This service will most commonly be used for patients with Haemochromatosis, although patients with other conditions may also be eligible, as directed by the appropriate Specialist.

Please note the following criteria's & roles and responsibilities and **new referral form**:

1. Acceptance criteria for therapeutic Venesection:

- Patients aged between 16 to 75 years
- No serious medical condition e.g.:
 - Severe polycythaemia (unless directed by Haematologist)
 - Overt ischaemic heart disease
 - Congestive cardiac failure
 - Atrial fibrillation, uncontrolled
 - Severe hypertension
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Severe renal disease
 - Severe chronic obstructive airways disease

2. Medical condition for which Venesection is indicated

- Iron overload due to Hereditary Haemochromatosis*
- Proven Iron overload not due to Hereditary Haemochromatosis*
- Polycythaemia
- Porphyria cutanea tarda

* [Primary Care Management Guideline – Haemochromatosis and Iron Overload](#)

Roles & Responsibilities

Referring doctor:

- **Request service by the completion of Medical venesection request form* – see attachment or download information from web site.**
***Annual renewal of this referral form is required**
- Monitor results and advise Pathlab of changes to venesection intervals
- Responsible for clinical management of the patient.

Pathlab:

- Therapeutic venesection by appointment.
- Monitoring of patient safety during the procedure.
- Relevant samples taken & reports sent to requesting clinician.

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