



WAIKATO DHB – NEW LABORATORY INFORMATION SYSTEM

As you are probably aware ***"Waikato DHB are in the process of replacing their Laboratory Information System (LIS). It is expected that there will be minimal impact with respect to laboratory results that are sent from Waikato DHB. DHB communication June 2012"***

This new system is to be implemented the 14th July 2012.

Pathlab Waikato and other sites operated by Pathology Associates Ltd, are required to send a significant number of referred tests to Waikato DHB. We do not expect any considerable issues from the change of Laboratory information system at Waikato Hospital laboratory.

If you have any issues arising from this LIS change, please contact:

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CLOZAPINE TESTING – NEW POLICY

Clozapine testing is a specialist service provided by LabPlus laboratories in Auckland. LabPlus laboratories have recently introduced a new policy on clozapine level testing. Details of their policy are listed below:

1. *'Repeat' request forms will not be accepted – a new form must be completed for each request for a clozapine level*
2. *An appropriate indication for requiring a clozapine level must be stated on the form. 'Routine monitoring' will not be accepted. Appropriate indications are listed in the LabPlus Test Guide (www.labplus.co.nz)*
3. *The name of the requestor must be clearly and legibly written, along with a contact telephone number and signature.*

Requests which do not fit these criteria will be declined, a comment will be sent instead of a result, and the sample will be held for 4 weeks. If the request has been declined, and a clozapine level is clinically indicated, this can be discussed with the on-call Chemical Pathologist by contacting LabPlus Enquiries (09-3078995).

The LabPlus Chemical Pathologists have already been in contact with Clinical Directors of Mental Health services so they should be aware of the new policy.

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