



Minimum Biochemistry Sample Requirements Plus Vitamin B12 and Folate Now In-House

Pathlab Whakatane will be processing specimens on a new Biochemistry analyser from 23rd February.

Towards this, and in order to ensure accurate results and the smooth processing of Biochemistry specimens, please take note of the following requirements which will take effect from 1st February 2015:

1. The minimum volume of whole blood required for a single serum Biochemistry test (in a microtainer) will be 400 microlitres.
2. It is recommended that a minimum of 600 microlitres be collected for multiple tests (paediatrics no less than 400 microlitres).
3. Also remember that serum specimens collected in 5.0ml blood tubes will need to be filled to at least to $\frac{3}{4}$ the height of the tube.
4. Additionally ensure that any labels do not obstruct the view along the length of the tube or protrude from the base of the tube.

We are also upgrading our in-house service to include Vitamin B12 and Folate.

Thank you for your help with this.

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