

Severn Pathology Newsletter

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Welcome to the Severn Pathology Newsletter

During April all pathology services at NBT moved to a single pathology site. Pathology colleagues at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust have also moved into the new Phase 2 building, and on 1st May the first phase of the integrated service was launched. This is the culmination of five years of planning to develop an integrated Pathology service across Bristol and the second phase will see colleagues from Public Health England join us later this year.

Pathology contacts - Our telephone numbers have changed

Blood Sciences - General enquiries: 0117 414 8383

Clinical enquiries:

Haematology Tel: 0117 414 8401

Clinical Biochemistry Tel: 0117 414 8437

Immunology Tel: 0117 414 8396

Email: nbn-tr.ClinicalBiochemistryNBT@nhs.net

Email: nbn-tr.nbtimmunology@nhs.net

Infection Sciences - General enquiries: 0117 414 6222

Clinical enquiries: 0117 414 6210/ 6271/ 6206

Cellular pathology

Cytology – General enquiries: 0117 414 9889

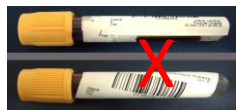
Histology – General enquiries: 0117 414 9890 Email: Cellpath.histology@nhs.net

Genetics – General enquiries: 0117 414 6168 Email address: nbn-tr.geneticsenquiries@nhs.net

Correct Labelling of Samples

To reduce delays in processing samples in the laboratory, please consider the following points when labelling tubes:

- 1) Specimens requested manually (not using ICE) require multiple points of identifiable information to be included on the request form and the specimen (Name, DOB, NHS number, Address). Samples with incorrect, discrepant or insufficient information cannot be processed by the laboratory.
- 2) Specimens requested using ICE: Please make sure that the barcode labels are clear (not faded) and are fixed to the tubes as straight as possible. Spiral, torn or creased labels cannot be read by the analyser and will result in a delay in processing.




- 3) Please ensure that the tube type printed on the label matches the tube it is attached to.
- 4) If the patient information and barcode print off-centre or the labels are faded – please contact the IT team.

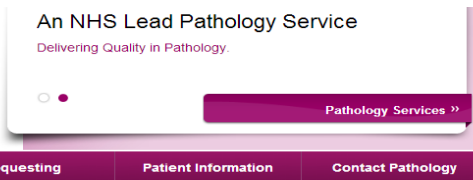
Individual samples must be in sealed (appropriately coloured) specimen bag. Paper work not inside bag with sample

Labelling problems will slow down sample processing

Please help us to provide you with your results as fast as possible!

Severn Pathology Website

We are taking this opportunity to introduce our pathology website (www.severnpathology.com, or  'Severn Pathology'). There is a huge amount of information on the website, which we hope will be really useful to you!



<p>The 'Pathology Services' tab leads to information about all the pathology disciplines including: Bristol Genetics Laboratory, Cellular Pathology, Clinical Biochemistry, Haematological Malignancy Diagnostics, Haematology, Immunology & Immunogenetics, Microbiology & Virology and Point of Care.</p>	<p>The 'Requesting' tab takes you to our sample table, information on how to add on a test, and consumables ordering. There is also information and contact details for the phlebotomy service, order of draw and transport services.</p> <p>From the 'Quality' tab on the home page you can access all aspects of quality, including our accreditation status, external quality assurance and the Pathology Sciences Quality Policy.</p>	<p>Opening hours and our postal address is found under the 'Contact Pathology' tab. All contact phone numbers are found within the departmental pages, through the</p> <p>The 'Patient Information' tab provides useful links for patients eg labtestsonline. There are also copies of patient information leaflets.</p>
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Test Information



A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | 0-9

	Sample Type	Test Name	Ideal Volume	Turnaround Time	Discipline
	Serum	ACE	5 mL	7 days	Clinical Biochemistry

The **'Test Information'** tab is available from the home page of the website, and there are links on a number of other pages.

This is an **A-to-Z** look up table that contains useful information on almost 500 different tests we offer here in pathology.

The A-to-Z provides information on which **sample type** is required for each test, **reference ranges**, **turnaround time** and if there are any special precautions or further information.

We love this part of the website here – huge amounts of information at our fingertips!

ACE

Sample Type: Serum

Test name: ACE a.k.a. Angiotensin Converting Enzyme

Condition / Indication: Sarcoid

Reference Range: Adults: 8 - 52 IU/L

Special Precautions & Notes: Results not valid if patient is on an ACE inhibitor.

Container: Serum (Gold top)

Ideal Volume (mL): 5 mL

Discipline: Clinical Biochemistry

Referred outside NBT for analysis? Yes

Referral Location: Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Level 8, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Marlborough Street, Bristol, BS2 8HW

Turnaround Time: 7 days



What do you want to know about? Please send us your suggestions for future newsletters to:-

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