

# 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. Cellular Pathology colleagues at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust have also moved into the new phase 2 building, and on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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Clinical Biochemistry Tel: 0117 414 8437

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Immunology Tel: 0117 414 8396

Email: [nbn-tr.nbtimmunology@nhs.net](mailto: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](mailto:Cellpath.histology@nhs.net)

**Genetics** – General enquiries 0117 414 6168 Email: address [nbn-tr.geneticsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nbn-tr.geneticsenquiries@nhs.net)

Other useful links

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## 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.

## Labelling problems will slow down sample processing

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

### Sample transportation via air-tube system

The majority of pathology samples can now be sent via the air-tube system. The exceptions to this are as follows:-

#### **DO NOT SEND VIA THE AIR-TUBE SAMPLES WHICH ARE**

Risk of VHF

high likelihood of Mtb.

Risk of CJD/BSE/prion

Individual sample liquid volume of greater than 50ml

Combined sample volume of greater 100ml

Contain formaldehyde – with the exception of specialist neuropathology samples.

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

Blood sciences – Red

Infection Sciences – Blue

Histology – Yellow

Cytology – White or white/purple

Genetics – Clear

**Failure to separate samples appropriately at collection will cause unnecessary delay in the laboratory**

### CSF Sampling

CSF sampling requirements and transportation has been reviewed following consolidation of pathology services onto a single site. Samples should be taken in the following order, labelled and transported to pathology as indicated below.

Pot No	Department	Container	Test	Transport	Bag
1	Microbiology	White top universal container	Virology (if required) or storage	Pod	Blue
2	Chemistry	White top universal container	Protein OCB(if required) please provide serum sample	Pod	Red
3	Microbiology	White top universal container	MC&S (meningitis)	Pod	Blue
4	Chemistry	Grey fluoride tube	Glucose/Lactate	Pod	Red
5 (if required)	Chemistry	White top universal container	Xanthochromia (if required) in protected tube	Pod	Red
6 (if required)	Neuropathology	White top universal container	Cytology if required	Pod	Clear



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