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Information on hand-written Pathology Requests

What is changing?

On the necessary occasions when practices are unable to request Pathology investigations via ICE, can we please ask that you ensure that all hand written blood forms are signed, dated and collection time detailed by the person taking the blood. We appreciate that this is not prompted on some manual forms, including those for bloods such as UE, LFT, FBC etc. However, this is required for laboratory accreditation purposes, and is automatically picked up, when using ICE.

When using manual forms please ensure that the person taking the blood uses the large 'Clinical Details' box to record the date and time of collection and also signs each form used.

When is this changing?

Immediately

Who or what is affected?

Hand Written Pathology Requests.

Why is this changing?

We are moving to ensure that all Pathology requests are made entirely through ICE, but understand that there are occasions when a manual form is a necessity. Please could you ensure that any manual forms which may be used are completed correctly and include the above information.

Who to contact for more information?

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Linda Barton at linda.barton@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

