

STAFF BRIEFING: CHANGE TO PROCESS

Subject: Immunology Lab sample type change from Red top serum to Gold Top serum.

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Dear colleagues

From Mon 15th Jan 2018, Immunology tests currently requiring a Red topped serum sample will change to a Gold topped gel serum sample.



Serum gold top

Please ensure a separate sample continues to be taken for Immunology, we often require higher sample volumes for our specialist tests, and sharing with other departments may mean delayed or no results.

For paediatrics or difficult to bleed patients please continue to use the small red top paediatric tubes

Many (but not all) of our tests require a serum sample, If you are unsure which sample type is required, please check the UHNM pathology website, <https://www.uhnmpathology.com/>

The website can be also be accessed via the 'Websites' tab on the Trust intranet, It's a work in progress so feedback is welcomed.

We will continue to accept red top samples for period of adjustment, but would ask that you share this memo with colleagues and update any protocols you may have.

Many Thanks

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