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Immunology Method Upgrades Part 1

Pathlab is pleased to inform requesters that we have upgraded our autoimmune testing platform for the following tests:

- Anti-CCP antibodies
- ANCA testing (anti-MPO/PR3)
- Coeliac testing (anti-tTG IgA/DGP IgG antibodies)

This is the same platform that is used at the Waikato Hospital Laboratory. There will be regional consistency and the results will be comparable with Waikato Hospital for these tests.

ANCA testing can now be performed urgently (within 2 hours of receipt of a specimen) within our normal working hours. Please contact the Immunology department at Pathlab Waikato (ph. 07 858 0795 x6830) if an urgent test is required.

Anti-double-stranded DNA testing will also change to the new platform. All new positive results will be sent to the Waikato Hospital laboratory for confirmation by radioimmunoassay (modified Farr) assay.

Repeat anti-dsDNA testing within 6 weeks will be automatically declined.

These changes will come into effect throughout October and November, and results obtained by the new platform will have an accompanying comment identifying this.

Please contact the Immunology department (immunology@pathlab.co.nz) if you have any comments or questions about the new service.

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