

PRIVATE PATHOLOGY TEST PROCEDURES FOR:**IVF SCREENING, EMPLOYMENT, EMIGRATION,
PRIVATE MEDICAL, BLOOD GROUPING ETC.****MICROBIOLOGY (YELLOW REQUEST FORM)****Employment Screening**

(i.e. hepatitis B or C antibodies/measles/mumps/chicken pox etc.)

If a patient requires tests for an employment screen to work either in the UK or abroad, then unless they work for the Ambulance Service, a GP surgery or an NHS dental practice they will be charged. Staff working at an NHS Dental Surgery **MUST** have their blood sent in via Occupational Health at Southlands otherwise they will be sent an invoice. In all cases we will invoice the patient directly and the blood will be stored until payment is received.

If the request form does not state a reason for the tests then a preliminary report will be sent to the requesting GP asking for further details, this delays the patient being invoiced if necessary and the specimen being processed. Therefore relevant employment details, vaccination dates or clinical information **MUST** be written on the request form to avoid any delays.

IVF/Egg Donation etc.

If the patient is having their treatment at a private clinic/hospital, as per the PCT, all screening and subsequent pathology tests are chargeable as a private patient and will not be processed until paid for.

Patients receiving NHS IVF treatment must have their specimens requested by Dr PALAN/Dr PATEL at The Lime Tree Surgery or Dr NELSON at The Strand Surgery. Any specimens sent in from any other GP are classed as private and the patient will be invoiced directly.

If the request form does not state a reason for the tests then a preliminary report will be sent to the requesting GP asking for further details, this delays the patient being invoiced if necessary and the specimen being processed. Therefore the form **MUST** state private IVF or the clinical reason for the tests.

Emigration/Travel or Private Medical

Please state on the request form where the patient is emigrating/travelling to and a date if known or 'for private medical'.

General procedures to correctly complete Microbiology request forms:-

- Enter all the patient details including their postcode
- Tick the PP box
- List all the tests required
- State the reason for the tests i.e private IVF, employment etc. and details as stated above
- Request forms asking for HIV testing require the requestors signature

When the request form and specimen are received in the laboratory a letter and invoice will be sent to the patient directly asking for payment **BEFORE THE SPECIMEN IS PROCESSED**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or by telephoning through credit/debit card details to the relevant department secretary. Once payment is received and the specimen has been processed the result will be sent to the requesting Doctor, a copy can be sent to the patient's home address on request.

HAEMATOLOGY/CHEMISTRY (BLUE REQUEST FORM)

IVF/Egg Donation and Blood grouping e.g. for paternity, travel etc.

Please use the **BLUE HAEMATOLOGY/CHEMISTRY PRIVATE REQUEST FORM** rather than the grey NHS form.

- Enter all patient details including the postcode.
- List the tests required
- State the reason for the test

The result will automatically be sent to the requesting doctor and an invoice sent to the patient the following month. Unless for private IVF in which case the result will be sent to the doctor and a letter and invoice will be sent to the patient for payment immediately.

Patients may contact the Haematology Secretary directly to arrange blood grouping tests. Payment can be made when the blood is taken in Pathology or when collecting the result.

PATHOLOGY TEST PRICES

Charges						
Microbiology			Haematology		Chemistry	
	Private (a)	NHS (b) charge				
HIV	£42.30	£11.00	FBC	£42.71	Hormones	£48.89ea
Hepatitis A	£31.12	£14.13	Blood Group	£74.08	Full Lipid Profile	£64.18
Hepatitis C	£31.12	£15.50			U&Es	£64.18
Varicella (chicken pox)	£22.56	£13.10			TSH	£64.18
CMV IgG/IgM	£31.12ea	£12.48ea			TFT	£64.18
Hepatitis B Antibodies	£31.12	£12.68			LFTs	£64.18
Hepatitis B Antigen	£31.12	£10.76				
Measles	£22.56	£13.10				
Mumps	£22.56	£13.10				
Mycology for ? Onychomycosis	£18.62	n/a				

(a) Full private charges e.g. travel/emigration/IVF etc.

(b) Employment charges for occupations related to healthcare and social services.

If a test is required which is not stated on this price list please contact the relevant Secretary to obtain a price.

Microbiology ext. 5569

Haematology ext. 4600

Chemistry ext. 5554

PLEASE MAKE ALL YOUR STAFF AWARE OF THESE PROCEDURES AND ENSURE THE PATIENT IS AWARE THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE AN INVOICE

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