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Urgent ANCA/GBM Request Procedure

The Immunology Department provides an urgent out of hours service for ANCA and Anti-GBM testing. Physicians who require urgent ANCA or anti-GBM testing must contact the laboratory directly (or the hospital switch board) to organise this service. The turnaround time will be approximately three hours from receipt of sample into the laboratory.

Time of request - Monday –Friday 09.00-15.00

ANCA and anti-GBMs are performed on a daily basis. In the event it is required urgently the consultant or senior registrar must phone 01-4162925 and ask to speak to a member of the Immunology clinical team. This must occur as soon as the sample is deemed urgent and prior to the sample being sent. The clinical team will then inform one of the medical scientists in Autoimmunity who will then perform the requested assay as soon as possible.

Time of request - All other times

The requesting consultant or senior registrar must contact the Clinical Immunology team via St. James's Hospital switchboard on 01-4103000 to request an urgent ANCA and anti-GBM requests and outline the urgency of the request. The Immunology team will then inform the laboratory and a medical scientist will then perform the requested assay as soon as possible.

Provision of Contact Details.

At the time of request, a name and a mobile phone contact number must be provided for the communication of results.

Transport of Specimen.

A motorbike/taxi courier service must be organised for specimen transportation by the requesting physician. It is the responsibility of the requesting physician to ensure that the specimen reaches the laboratory on time. The requesting physician must contact the Immunology clinical team to confirm the sample has left the hospital in urgent transportation. If there is any problem regarding the arrival of the sample in the Immunology Department, please contact the Consultant Immunologist or the Chief Medical Scientist for advice.

Reporting of Result.

The result of the assay will be phoned to the requesting physician as soon as it is available.