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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

The consultant or senior registrar must phone 01-4162925 and ask for the medical scientist responsible for urgent ANCA and anti-GBM requests. This must occur as soon as the sample is deemed urgent and prior to the sample being sent. The medical scientist will then perform the requested assay as soon as possible. If there is any doubt as to the appropriate nature of the request, the requesting physician must speak to a member of the Immunology clinical team.

Time of request - All other times

The consultant in charge must contact the Consultant Immunologist, Immunology Specialist Registrar, or the Chief Medical Scientist in Immunology.

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-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. 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.