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Service Improvement update: Immunology Samples

ICE requests

As part of BSPS's continual improvement programme, we are enabling ICE to produce a separate request form for immunology requests (autoimmune, allergy, serum electrophoresis or myeloma screens etc.). The separate request form will ensure immunology samples will be processed separately to blood sciences samples and aim to reduce the current issues where no separate samples are received for immunology. When immunology tests are requested alongside blood sciences tests an **additional** request form will be printed for the immunology tests. The immunology sample type is clearly marked on the ICE form under Specimen Collection Instructions. This change will take place on Monday 30th April.

RBH Outpatient Request Forms

On RBH outpatient request forms the tube required for each test is displayed next to each test as follows along with the type of test on the far right in bold

An example of a request form such as you might see is below:

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| 1. | Anti-nuclear Ab level (ELISA), blood, Yellow (SST), Immunology |
| 2. | Urea and electrolytes profile, blood, Yellow (SST), Chemistry |
| 3. | C-reactive protein level, blood, Yellow (SST), Chemistry |
| 4. | Full blood count, blood, Purple (EDTA), Haematology |
| 5. | International normalised ratio, blood, Light Blue (Citrate), Coagulation |
| 6. | Liver function profile, blood, Yellow (SST), Chemistry |

Please ensure that at least one of each tube type is collected for each type of test.

In the example above, the following is required:

- 2 x Yellow (SST) = 1 for Chemistry (Tests 2,3 & 6)
1 for Immunology (Test 1)
- 1 x Purple (EDTA) = Haematology (Test 4)
- 1 x Light Blue (Citrate) = Coagulation (Test 5)

Immunology Enquiries

For general enquiries after and to add further tests please email immunologyasph@nhs.net.

For urgent result enquiries please phone **01932 723042**

For clinical advice please contact **01932 723860, 723877 or 726522.**