



North Glasgow Sector

Urine Pregnancy testing

From 1st October 2021, urine pregnancy testing will no longer be provided by NHTSGGC Laboratories. The test item will no longer be available to request in ICE. This is in line with the NHTSGGC Maternity Guidelines. If confirmation of pregnancy is required, a serum hCG should be requested from your local biochemistry laboratory.

Lipid Profile requesting

Recent guidelines on cardiovascular risk reduction suggest patients should be assessed not on total cholesterol but LDL cholesterol or non-HDL cholesterol. In light of this, patients should always have an HDL measured when cholesterol is measured. To ensure this is the case the option to request "Chol / Triglyceride" will be removed from electronic requesting from October 2021. Please request "Lipid Profile (inc HDL)" instead. These changes are in line with the new NHTSGGC Cardiovascular Disease guidelines, due to be published soon.

We would be delighted with your feedback on issues that you would like us to address in the newsletter. We are also keen to reach as large an audience in primary care as possible. Do you have suggestions how we can widen distribution?
Comments or suggestions can be sent to:

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