

Urine Dipsticks

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Valued Clients,

As of Monday the 2nd October the Microbiology Department at Canterbury Health Laboratories (CHL) will no longer be performing or offering urine dipstick testing.

An internal review of this practice has revealed that it incurs substantial cost while providing no additional value (over urine microscopy) for the early diagnosis of UTI.

Urine dipstick testing can still of course be offered as a point of care test. Clinical services that use dipstick testing for reasons other than to diagnose infection can continue with dipstick testing at the point of care.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact:

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