

Pathology news

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Networking Blues ... Rely on Us!

Many NHS laboratories that we work with are currently undergoing networking and reconfiguration. This is leading to a lot of uncertainty in the test referral market. However, we are looking at the long term here at SWBH NHS pathology. In particular we are focusing on;

- Excellent specialist services that are supported by clinical interpretation and an emphasis on continuous quality improvement.
- Ensuring that we stick to our quoted turn round times.
- Use of technology to improve our service including secure email PDF and NPEX.

In the last few years we have tried to keep our prices as competitive as possible, often not making any annual price rises. However, this year we have had to increase a number of our prices as we are experiencing considerable increases in cost within our parent organisation. However, we have ensured that where we have raised prices for our services that these still represent excellent value within the market place.



UKAS Accreditation

We went through the process of UKAS accreditation in spring 2017 across our pathology department. We have addressed all our non-compliances and are now a fully accredited UKAS laboratory.

Email PDF & NPEX Reporting

If you currently send work to us and are still receiving reports by first class post, we are very keen now to move you over to electronic reporting. If this interests you please contact:
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Abusive Prescription Drugs

Our new drugs of abuse panel includes a number of commonly abused prescription drugs.

See www.cityassays.org.uk for further details.

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Specialist Assays

Prices and turn round targets* offered

Biochemistry	Turn round	Cost
ACE	3 days	£17
Bile Acids	1 day	£17
Caeruloplasmin	2 days	£17
Carotenes	5 days	£40
Faecal Calprotectin	3 days	£30
Faecal Elastase	3 days	£39
Fructosamine	1 day	£18
Gilberts Syndrome	3 days	£45
HFE	3 days	£45
Cholinesterase	within 24 hours	£20
RBC Cholinesterase	within 24 hours	£60
Xanthochromia	2 hours	£80

Pharmacogenomics	Turn round	Cost
Thioguanine Nucleotides	2 days	£32
TPMT Service	1 day	£24
Serum Infliximab	5 days	£30
Anti Infliximab Antibodies	7 days	£37
Adalimumab	5 days	£30
Adalimumab Antibodies	7 days	£37

Fat soluble vitamins	Turn round	Cost
25-hydroxyvitamin D ₂ & D ₃ Serum/Plasma	2-3 days	£15
Vitamin A	2-3 days	£15
Vitamin E	2-3 days	£15

Blood spot analysis	Turn round	Cost
25-hydroxyvitamin D ₂ & D ₃	2-3 days	£20
Serology BBV Screening	2-3 days	£25

Stone service	Turn round	Cost
Stone Analysis	5 days	£32
Urine Citrate	5 days	£20
Urine Oxalate	5 days	£20
Urine Stone Screen	5 days	£70
(calcium, phosphate, citrate, oxalate, magnesium, urate)		

Trace elements	Turn round	Cost
Aluminium (plasma or water)	2-5 days	£30
Arsenic (blood or urine)	2-5 days	£30
Cadmium (blood or urine)	2-5 days	£30
Chromium (blood)	1-2 days	£18
Chromium (urine)	2-5 days	£22
Cobalt (blood)	1-2 days	£18
Cobalt (urine)	2-5 days	£22
Chromium & Cobalt (blood)	1-2 days	£30
Chromium & Cobalt (synovial fluid)	7 days	£42
Copper (urine)	2-3 days	£20
Lead (blood)	2-3 days	£20
Lead HB ZPP	2-3 days	£40
Manganese (blood)	2-3 days	£20
Mercury (blood or urine)	2-5 days	£30
Nickel (blood, serum or urine)	2-5 days	£30
Selenium, Copper & Zinc (serum)	1-2 days	£11 each or for all three £27

Toxic Metals Screen	Turn round	Cost
(blood, urine & powders)	1-2 days	£120
Bromide (serum)	2-3 days	£80
Thalium (blood or urine)	5 days	£80
Other Metals (£ per element)	2-5 days	£80
(e.g Urine: lead, iron, manganese, bismuth, barium, antimony, selenium, tellurium, silver, gallium, indium. Blood: Bismuth, barium, boron, strontium.)		

Therapeutic drugs	Turn round	Cost
Caffeine	1-2 days	£25
Clozapine & Norclozapine	2-3 days	£25
Lamotrigine	2-3 days	£25
Lithium	1 day	£12
Olanzapine	5 days	£25
Levetiracetam	5 days	£25
Quetiapine	5 days	£25

Toxicology	Turn round	Cost
Caffeine & Paraxanthine	1-2 hours	£25
Ethanol (urine or blood)	1-2 hours	£40
Ethylene/Diethylene Glycol	1-2 hours	£225
Out of hours:		£450
Methanol (methyl alcohol)	1-2 hours	£120
Out of hours:		£240
Sulphonyl Urea, Antidiabetic Drug Screen	2-3 hours	£120
Unknown Drug Screen	3 days	£200
LC-QTOF Screen	4 hours	£125
(urine, blood, stubs, powders, pills, tobacco & paper)		
Paraquat & Diaquat	1 day	£120
Rohypnol (Flunitrazepam)	5 days	£120
Urine Diuretic Screen	1-2 days	£120
Urine Laxative Screen	2-3 days	£120
γ-Hydroxy-Butyrate (GHB)	2-3 days	£120
Spiked Drink Screen	5 days	£300

Medico-legal work	Turn round	Cost
Medico-legal kits & screen	24hrs	£100

Drugs of abuse screening kits	Cost
Oral fluid collection device	
without pre-paid postage – pack of 20	£50
Urine & oral fluid reply paid kits – each	£12

Drugs of abuse screen	Turn round	Cost
Oral Fluid (incl Cannabis)	1-2 days	£30
Urine (incl Cannabis)	1-2 days	£30

Current drugs of abuse panel includes classic drugs and common legal highs.

Other drugs of abuse screening	Turn round	Cost
Amphetamine ratio (resolution of D, L isomers)	3 days	£60

Immunology	Turn round	Cost
ANCA abs	1-2 days	£11
Anti-C1INH abs	up to 28 days	£198

Anti-nuclear antibodies	1-3 days	£11
Anti-nuclear antibodies titration	1-3 days	£13
Aspergillus IgG	3-7 days	£12
Avian IgG - budgie	3-7 days	£14
Avian IgG - pigeon	3-7 days	£14
Beta 2 Microglobulin	3-7 days	£8
CCP abs	3-5 days	£11
Complement C3	1-2 days	£11
Complement C4	1-2 days	£11
DFS-70 (Dense fine speckled) abs	2-4 days	£13
Double Stranded dsDNA screen	1-3 days	£8.50
Double stranded DNA quantitation abs	1-7 days	£12
Endomysial (IgA) abs	3-5 days	£13.50
ENA Screen	3-7 days	£11
ENA Profile	10-14 days	£24
Epidermal abs	3-7 days	£13
GAD abs	10-20 days	£17
Glomerular Basement Membrane (GBM) abs	3-5 days	£13
HIB abs	10-14 days	£11.50
IgG/IgM Cardiolipin abs screen	3-7 days	£15
IgG Cardiolipin abs	3-7 days	£7
IgM Cardiolipin abs	3-7 days	£7
Intrinsic Factor abs	3-7 days	£11
ISAC (Specific IgE allergen component panel)	14-21 days	£198
Liver abs Screen (AMA, GPC, LKM & SMA)	3-5 days	£11
Mitochondrial abs quantitation	3-7 days	£16
Myeloperoxidase (MPO) abs & Proteinase 3 (PR3) abs	3-7 days	£33
Pneumococcal ABS	10-14 days	£14
Rheumatoid factor	1-2 days	£7
Smooth Muscle abs quantitation	3-7 days	£16.50
Specific IgE single common allergen	3-5 days	£15
Specific IgE single rare allergen (including components)	3-5 days	£16.50
Specific IgE Mixed panel	3-5 days	£17
Specific IgE to Mixed Food	3-5 days	£20
Tetanus abs	10-14 days	£11.50
Tissue Transglutaminase (IgA) abs	2-4 days	£11
Total IgE	3-5 days	£14
Tryptase	3-5 days	£22
Thyroid Peroxidase abs (TPO)	3-7 days	£11
T spot	24 hours after sample receipt	£82

*Where days are given these are working days.

