

Date 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2015

**Re: Chain of Custody Alcohol Levels**

Dear Colleague,

Following on from an internal review of MedLab Pathology's procedures for Chain of Custody (COC) and Non- Chain of Custody Alcohol Testing, please find below updated information. Fluoride oxalate sample type is now the preferred sample type for Alcohol levels in blood.

Test	TDL test code	Sample requirements	Turnaround Time
Blood Alcohol (Non-COC)	ALCO	Fluoride Oxalate	2 days
Blood Alcohol sample (COC)	LALC	Fluoride Oxalate in COC kit	3 weeks
Urine Alcohol (Non COC)	UALC	Random Urine	2 days
Urine Alcohol (COC)	LALC	Random Urine in COC kit	3 weeks
<b>Alcohol profile:</b> Liver Panel, CDT, Alcohol Level, MCV	AP	EDTA, SST & Fluoride Oxalate	4 days

When requesting alcohol levels, and if COC is required, please ensure that you complete the outer request form with 3 unique identifiers, one of the COC labels and request the required test. The COC form should be packed into the sealed COC package.

If you would like additional information regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 303 349 or email us at [info@medlabpathology.ie](mailto:info@medlabpathology.ie).

Kind regards,



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