

# Pathology

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# Pathology user guide

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# Departments

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- Clinical Biochemistry
- Haematology & Blood Transfusion
- Immunology
- Cellular Pathology (Histopathology, Non-gynaecology Cytology, Mortuary & Neuropathology)
- Microbiology (Bacteriology & Virology)

# Where are we located? Green street



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# Making Contact — always have NHS number to hand

Telephone	Department	Bleep
2703	Haematology/Transfusion	2703
3518	Clinical Biochemistry	2620
3116	Microbiology/Virology	Via switchboard
3109	Cellular Pathology	Via switchboard
2134	Immunology	Via switchboard
5254	Chorley Pathology	5255

# Sample Delivery

Regular collections by porters

Air tube stations on most floors



Read notice on each station  
Do NOT press any buttons-  
preprogrammed to send to lab.  
NO ice , CSF, sputum, urine or  
blood gas samples to be podded.  
ALL samples to be bagged

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# Phlebotomy Service

## Wards – Royal Preston Hospital

Most wards in the main ward block area ,Maternity and Gynae ward at Sharoe Green plus Bleasdale at the Rehab unit are covered by a phlebotomy service

**Monday – Friday 7.00 a.m.** This is **THE MAIN ROUND OF THE DAY** and the majority of the workload must be scheduled for this time.

- **Saturday & Sunday Service 7.30 to 11.30 a.m.** The weekend Phlebotomy service is for **urgent requests only**.

## Wards – Chorley & South Ribble Hospital

- **Monday – Friday 8.30 a.m.** – Leyland, Sellars, MAU, Hazelwood, Rookwood A & B , Brindle and Rawcliffe
- **Saturday & Sunday Service 8.00 a.m.** There is a limited phlebotomy service available – MAU, Hazelwood and Brindle **Investigations are limited to:** Troponin T, aPTT on heparin monitoring **not** INR and urgent requests for ward management

## Please note:

- All tests should be scheduled for 7.00 a.m.
- All patients must be wearing wristbands.
- Forms for Transfusion requests must be put in the designated collection point for the phlebotomist.

# Sarstedt Monovette System



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# Sample Rejection Policy

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## Require:

Consistent criteria

Patient safety

Clear standards

Minimum of 3 identifiers on form

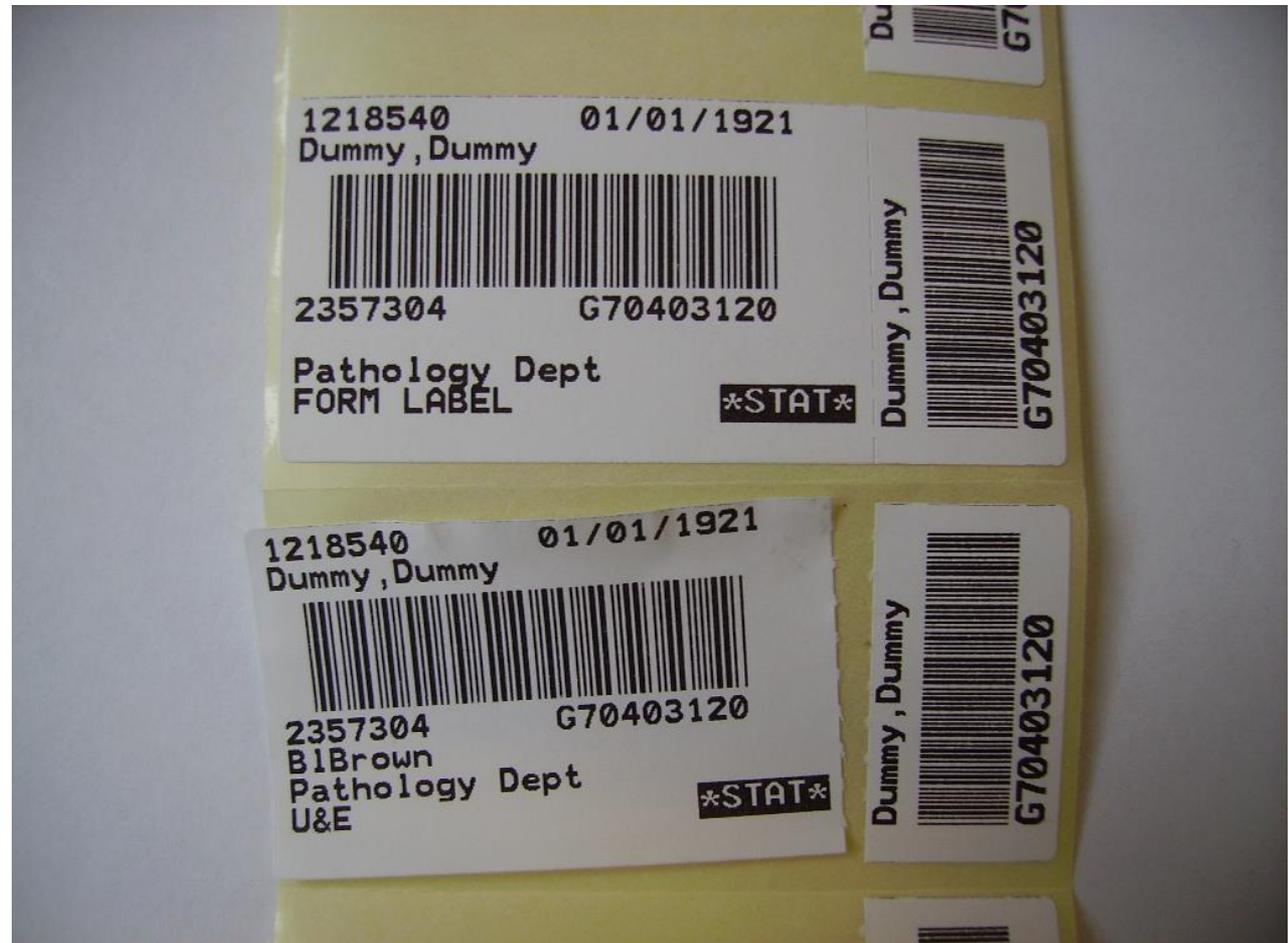
Minimum of 2 identifiers on sample

NHS number on form is primary identifier

Identifiers on form and sample must match

# Sample Labelling

If you couldn't scan it when shopping neither can we.



# Blood Bottles

Position the labels  
below coloured band  
on blood tubes



# Add on tests

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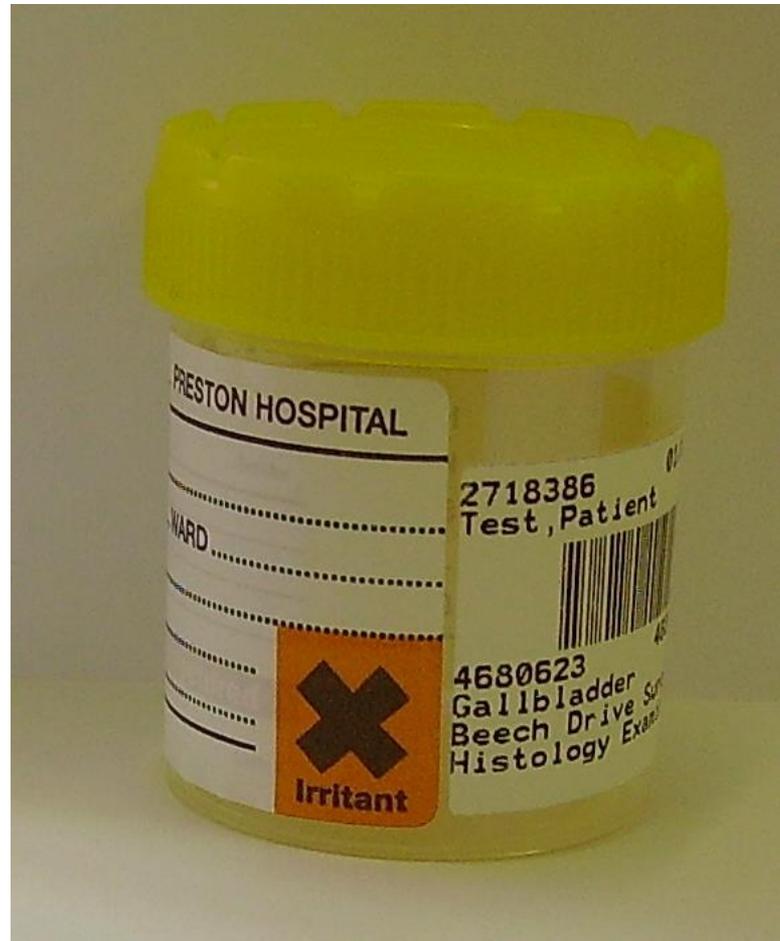
A new specimen should be collected if further tests are required. Where an add-on test is necessary for biochemistry then please complete all sections of the add on form fully including the specimen number starting G201...

The form can be found Departments – Biochemistry- Add on form

**DO NOT PHONE REGARDING ADD ONS**

# Histology specimen pots

Please ensure specimen description is placed on container label



# Blood culture bottles



Do NOT obscure or remove any of the barcode pre-printed on the bottle

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# Other sample containers



Ensure specimen description is placed on label



Small label to lid

Attach large label to specimen pot

50 ml pots – urine, fluid, sputum, NPA

24-hour urine container



Place start time here

Place finish time here

Place label here

25 ml pots – faeces, CSF, NPA

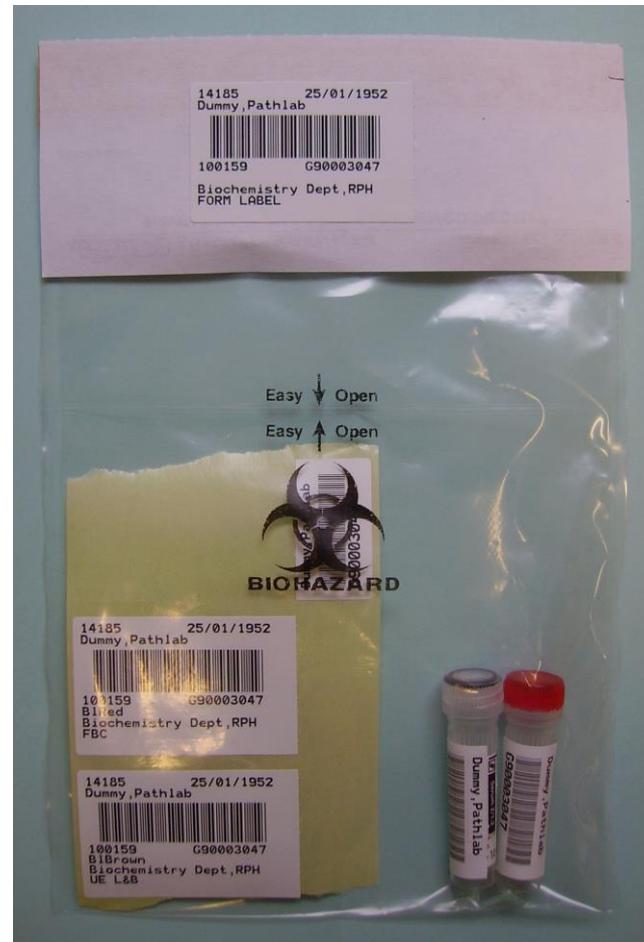


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# Important!

- Ensure container lids are secure – leaking samples will be rejected
- Place labelled samples in a transport bag, along with any unused tube labels (still attached to the backing paper)
- Stick “FORM LABEL(s)” only onto the outside of the transport bag
- There must only be ONE patient’s bloods per bag
- Damaged/ripped/creased labels must be reprinted. Report faulty label printers to Trust IT
- Ensure labels do not overlap the ends of the tube

# Transport Bags



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# Danger of Infection

Clear and specific clinical details must be provided for requests for known or suspected cases of:

Disease	Relevant samples
Viral haemorrhagic fever (Ebola)	Discuss with duty microbiologist before taking any samples
Paratyphoid and typhoid	Blood cultures, faeces, urine
Tuberculosis (TB)	Sputum, BAL, CSF, urine, pus, pleural and joint fluids
Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (e.g. CJD)	Contact duty microbiologist
E. coli 0157	Faeces

Do not use the air tube for these samples

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# Any Questions?

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