

## HAEMATOLOGY

| Test                         | Allowable time for test to be added (after collection time) |
|------------------------------|---|
| ESR                          | 24 hours  |
| Reticulocytes                | 24 hours  |
| INR, FIB, TCT                | 24 hours  |
| APTT                         | 6 hours   |
| Dimer                        | 24 hours  |
| DIC Screen (all except APTT) | 24 hours  |

- All other coag testing to be added on please refer to Coagulation ext 98459

## MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Add-on requests are permitted for samples OTHER than serum or plasma. eg an add-on request for CSF is valid. An add-on for a PCR test on a serum is to be referred to Molecular Biology staff.

## IMMUNOLOGY AND VIROLOGY

Add-ons are **NOT** permitted for the following tests, if the sample has already been processed through an analyser:

- HIV
- Hepatitis B antigen
- Syphilis
- HCV
- Rubella
- CMV

Add-ons will be permitted for any other Imm/Viro test.

## BIOCHEMISTRY

The following timeframes apply to samples (gel tubes) processed through our Cobas analyser system.

|         | R/T<br>Gel tube or<br>separated | FRIDGE<br>Gel tube or<br>separated | Frozen separated |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| ACE     | -                               | 7d                                 | 6m               |
| ACTH    | -                               | -                                  | -                |
| AFP     | -                               | 14d                                | 3m               |
| Albumin | 7d                              | 7d                                 | -                |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| Alcohol (add comment ETOHADD)  | 2d             | 2d             | -   |
| ALP                            | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Amikacin                       | 8h             | 2d             | -   |
| Ammonia                        | -              | -              | -   |
| Amphetamine urine              | -              | 5d             | -   |
| Amylase                        | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Amylase ( urine)               | 2d             | 7d             | -   |
| Androstenedione                | 2d             | 7d             | -   |
| AST                            | 2d             | 7d             | -   |
| Benzodiazepine urine           | -              | 5d             | -   |
| Bicarbonate (capped)           | 40h            | 7d             | -   |
| Bilirubin Conjugated and Total | 1d             | 7d             | -   |
| BNP                            | 3d             | 6d             | -   |
| Ca125                          | -              | 5d             | 6m  |
| Ca153                          | -              | 5d             | 3m  |
| Ca199                          | -              | 14d            | 3m  |
| Calcitonin                     | 4h             | 1d             | 3m  |
| Calcium                        | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Calcium Urine                  | 2d             | 4d             | 3w  |
| Cannabinoids (THC) urine       | -              | 5d             | -   |
| Carbamazepine (capped)         | 2d             | 7d             | -   |
| CEA                            | -              | 14d            | 6m  |
| Chloride                       | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Cholesterol                    | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| CK                             | 2d             | 7d             | -   |
| Cortisol                       | -              | 4d             | 12m |
| C-Peptide                      | 4h             | 1d             | 1m  |
| Creatinine                     | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Creatinine ( urine)            | 2d             | 6d             | 6m  |
| CRP                            | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Cyclosporin                    | Whole blood 5d | Whole blood 7d | -   |
| DHEAS                          | -              | 14d            | 12m |
| Digoxin                        | -              | 2d             | -   |
| Ferritin                       | -              | 7d             | 1y  |
| Folate                         | 2h             | 2d             | -   |
| FSH                            | 5d             | 14d            | 6m  |
| FT3                            | 5d             | 7d             | 1m  |
| FT4                            | 5d             | 7d             | 1m  |
| Gentamicin (capped)            | -              | 7d             | -   |
| GGT                            | 7d             | 7d             | -   |
| Glucose (020 or 010 tube)      | 8h             | 3d             | -   |
| Glucose (040 fluoride tube)    | 3d             | 3d             | -   |
| Growth Hormone (HGH)           | 8h             | 1d             | 1m  |
| HCG                            | 5d             | 14d            | 1y  |
| HDL                            | -              | 7d             | -   |
| Homocysteine                   | 4d             | 7d             | -   |
| IGF-1                          | -              | 3d             | 1y  |
| Insulin                        | 4h             | 2d             | 6m  |
| Iron                           | 7d             | 7d             | -   |

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| Ketones ( OHB)                 | -  | 12h | -   |
| Lactate (040 Plasma separated) | 8h | 7d  | -   |
| Lamotrigene                    | -  | 3d  | -   |
| LD                             | 7d | 4d  | -   |
| LH                             | 5d | 14d | 6m  |
| Lipase                         | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Lithium                        | 1d | 7d  | -   |
| Magnesium                      | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Magnesium (Acidified urine)    | 3d | 3d  | -   |
| Methadone Metabolites urine    | -  | 5d  | -   |
| Methotrexate                   | -  | 3d  | -   |
| Opiates urine                  | -  | 5d  | -   |
| Paracetamol (capped)           | 1d | 7d  | -   |
| PCT                            | -  | 1d  | 3m  |
| Phenobarbital (capped)         | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Phenytoin                      | -  | 4d  | -   |
| Phosphate                      | 4d | 4d  | -   |
| Phosphate urine (acidified)    | -  | 7d  | -   |
| Potassium                      | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Progesterone                   | 1d | 5d  | 6m  |
| Prolactin                      | -  | 7d  | 6m  |
| PSA – Total and Free           | -  | 5d  | -   |
| PTH                            | -  | 3d  | 6m  |
| Salicylate                     | -  | 7d  | -   |
| SHBG                           | -  | 7d  | 12m |
| Sodium                         | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Tacrolimus ( FK506)            | 5d | 7d  | -   |
| Testosterone                   | -  | 2w  | 6m  |
| Thyroglobulin                  | -  | 3d  | -   |
| Tobramycin                     | -  | 3d  | -   |
| Triglyceride                   | -  | 7d  | -   |
| Troponin T                     | -  | 2d  | 12m |
| TSH                            | -  | 14d | 2y  |
| UIBC                           | 4d | 7d  | -   |
| Urea                           | 7d | 7d  | -   |
| Urea (urine)                   | 2d | 7d  | -   |
| Uric acid                      | -  | 5d  | -   |
| Uric Acid (urine NaOH)         | -  | 4d  | -   |
| Valproate (capped)             | 2d | 7d  | -   |
| Vancomycin (capped)            | 2h | 2d  | -   |