

10th November 2021

Dear Laboratory Colleague,

Re: Changes to the Chromogranin A service at Viapath, King's College Hospital

Following on from the previous letter on the above subject dated 02/11/21, I am writing with some more information on the Chromogranin A service provided by Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. This change will take effect from 05/11/2021. Samples analysed at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust will be clearly identified on the report.

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust is fully UKAS accredited (UKAS 8673) for this assay. The reporting unit for Chromogranin A will change from nmol/L to pmol/L and the reference range will be <60 pmol/L. The stated turnaround time is 21 days from date of receipt, excluding public holidays. Please note that the new method is not comparable to the old method so results cannot be trended across this change.

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust referral laboratory requires a fasting (6-8 hours) EDTA sample, with a minimum volume requirement of 6 mL of blood for the full gut hormone profile, and 2 mL of blood for individual Chromogranin A requests. For further details see website: [Gut Hormones - North West London Pathology \(nwspathology.nhs.uk\)](http://nwspathology.nhs.uk)

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,



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