

Clinical Biochemistry (PRUH) Opening Hours

The Laboratory operates a 24/7 service

Monday - Friday: 09.00 – 17:15

- Non-urgent samples should arrive in Specimen Reception (SR) between 09:00-17:30
- Routine profiles are performed daily (Mon-Fri)

Out of Hours: 8pm - 8am, Monday – Friday, and 8am Saturday – 8am Monday

- Chemistry Laboratory - Ext. **64256** or **Bleep 312**

Locations:

- Pathology, Level 2, South Wing, Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH)
- For Viapath website: www.viapath.co.uk

Department Contacts

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- Biochemistry telephone number for results query and add-on tests call Specimen Reception: PRUH 016898 **64266**
- Biochemistry Laboratory Operations Manager – John Rainer Ext: **64261**
john.rainer@nhs.net
- Core Hours 08:00 – 20:00 Biochemistry Laboratory - Ext: **64256**
- BMS -Out of hours, weekend and bank holidays: Ext. **64256** or **Bleep 312**
- For **Clinical Advice** please contact the Duty Biochemist:
 - Routine Hours: Ext **64282 (PRUH)** or if unavailable Duty Biochemist at Denmark Hill – Mobile: **07973456626**

Sample Requirements

Remember to:

Use the correct specimen bottles and ALL samples must include:

- Patient's full name (first name & surname)
 - Date of Birth (DOB)
 - NHS/hospital number
 - Date sample was taken
 - The requestor's name or location
- Specimen bottles are tightly sealed to avoid leakage in transit
 - Additional tests can often be performed with only a small increase in sample volume - the volumes shown on EPR or t-Quest need not be accumulated.

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Tests available on emergency basis

The following tests are available on an emergency basis for the immediate diagnosis and management of a patient after normal working hours, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays:

- **Serum** Renal, bone, liver profiles, amylase, paracetamol, salicylate, iron (overdoses only), Troponin T
- **Plasma** Glucose (fluoride/oxalate tube)
- **Blood** Whole blood appropriately heparinised for blood gases. Remove needle before transporting to laboratory or sample will be discarded.
- **CSF** protein (plain bottle) and glucose (fluoride/oxalate tube)
- **Urine** sodium, osmolality

The specific tests required must be indicated on the request form/ EPR request. Any additional tests not on the list that are required must be discussed with the Duty Biochemist who is available on-call at all times, switchboard will contact via mobile phone.

Referral Laboratories used by this Laboratory

Refer to the PRUH Pathology attached list - [Direct Referral Laboratories \[PP-QF-044\]](#)

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