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Dear Royal United Hospitals (RUH, Bath) autoantibody testing service users,

Further notification of forthcoming changes to the Bath autoantibody immunoblotting service: date of change and updated test prices for 2026-27.

We have previously written to you to inform you that as part of the West of England Pathology Network (WoEPN) restructuring of regional immunology services, the Clinical Immunology laboratories across Bristol and Bath are being consolidated to the Department of Immunology & Immunogenetics at North Bristol Trust.

This includes the specialist antibody immunoblot testing service that is relocating after **Friday 5th June**. After this date no autoantibody immunoblotting requests will be processed in Bath.

Please do not refer samples to Bath for these tests after this date. After this date, please refer samples to the Immunology & Immunogenetics department in Bristol, at the address included above.

We are expanding the repertoire of antibody tests we provide for systemic sclerosis and myositis antibody testing. The new antibody panels are listed below:

- **Myositis antibody panel:** including anti-Mi-2 alpha, Mi-2 beta, TIF1g, MDA5, NXP2, SAE1, Ku, PM-Scl100, PM-Scl75, Jo-1, SRP, PL-7, PL-12, EJ, OJ, Ro-52, cN-1A, Ha, Ks & Zo.
- **Systemic sclerosis antibody panel:** including anti-Scl-70, CENP-A, CENP-B, RNA polymerase III (RP11 & RP155), U3-RNP (Fibrillarin), NOR90, Th/To, PM-Scl100, PM-Scl75, Ku, NVL & Ro-52
- **Anti-nuclear antibody panel:** including anti-nRNP/Sm, Sm (Smith), U1-RNP (RNP70, RNPA, RNPC), Ro-60 (SS-A), Ro-52, La (SS-B), Scl-70, PM-Scl, Jo-1, CENP-B, PCNA, dsDNA, nucleosomes, histones, ribosomal P-proteins & AMA-M2.



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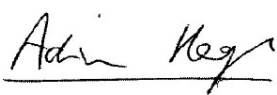
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As part of these changes the cost of the tests has increased slightly. The new prices are listed below:

- **Myositis antibody panel:** £63.32 / panel (previously £56.07 for the smaller panel of antibodies).
- **Systemic sclerosis antibody panel:** £49.61 / panel (previously £48.64).
- **Anti-nuclear antibody panel:** £43.55 / panel (previously £42.70).

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

Kind regards



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